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Dunblane parents watch from gallery as MPs hear arguments for the shooting lobby

Tories step back from voting to weaken gun Bill

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

AN attempt by Conservative MPs to water down the Government's new gun controls, prompted by the Dunblane massacre, crumbled in

the Commons last night.
With parents of Dunblane victims watching from the public tims watching from the public gallery, amendments that would have excluded single-shot and sporting pistols from the ban autlined in the Firearms Bill were withdrawn as their proposers accepted that they would be overwhelmingly defeated. They promised to fight on during the later stages of the Bill.

State a more backed by Labour

But a move backed by Labour and the Liberal Democrats to widen the ban to cover all handguns, including the smaller calibre
22 pistols which the Government
has decided to exempt, seemed
destined to fail, in spite of last
minute personal appeals to MPs by Dunblane parents and a seather wounded in the shooting.

As MPs debated the amendment to ban all 200,000 legally-held handguns in Britain — which a few Conservative MTs led by David Mellor, the former Cabinet miniser, were lining up to support - the t it wins power acet year is will urry through the full prohibition. The move ensured that gun

Robert Hughes, Tory MP for Harrow West and one of the Conservatives calling for a total ban, said there should have been a free vote. About 160,00 high-calibre guns were being outlawed. Mr Hughes said. "If the Government are happy and prepared to go that far, why not the next logical step in hanning low-calibre guns as well." The campaign on behalf of the

control is destined to become an

shooting lobby to widen the exemp-tions to the ban was led by Sir Jerry Wiggin. MP for Weston-super-Mare, and backed by several Conservatives in their speeches. By withdrawing their amendments in the face of heavy defeats, they have left open the possibility of the issue being considered again at the report stage of the Bill, and in the Lords where Conservative peers

seem certain to stage a revolt.

Sir Jerry told MPs that singleshot guns should be retained for sporting purposes. These guns are unlikely to be selected by a maniac because, being of a single-shot nature, they are quite unsuitable for death and destruction. They are

stritable for shooting a target."

Sir Jerry said he was sorry that
the Government had "seen fit to draw the line so tightly" and seek a bun on single-shot pistols. Such a ban, he said, would deprive men and women of a sport in which Britain had excelled at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Michael Howard, the Home Securitary, said the Government could not allow such a move: These amendmicuts would exempt production, effectively limiting the ban to multi-shot guns. They would allow single shot handguns to contime to be kept at home. I cannot invite MPs to support these amendments. The Government believes there is no place for handguns in

He added: "Even a single-shot handgun can be used to kill, and they are very easy to carry and to

Doug Henderson, from the Labour frontbench, supported Mr Howard's refusal to give in to the gun lobby. "I agree with you that a

single-shot pistol of a high calibre is an extremely lethal weapon and has been shown to be that," he said. "If one accepts that action needs to be taken, which includes action to outlaw pistol shooting in clubs, then it would be unacceptable to

allow this kind of exemption." He added: "I don't believe that one can argue for the privileges and the rights of the sports person to take precedent over the risk to

the population."
Mr Howard later surprised MPs by raising the possibility that the Home Secretary of the day could act to allow the one Commonwealth Games shooting event in-volving guns of a bigger calibre than 22 to take place at the Manchester Games in 2002. He said be had the authority under the 1988 Firearms Act to approve an application from organisers to allow the event to go ahead.

But in reply to questions, he accepted that British competitors would not be able to practise in this country for the event. His disclosure was described as logical absurdity by Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle. Sir Patrick Cormack, Conserva-

tive MP for Staffordshire South, voiced his unease over the Bill. He said: "Panie legislation is rarely good legislation and although Thomas Hamilton did unspeakable things with the weapons that he legally possessed. Thomas Hamilton is in a sense having his revenge in that legislation, which is going to penalise a large number of law abiding citizens of this country who have never and would never contemplate doing wrong."

> Matthew Parris, page 2 Commons debate, page 10



Eileen Harrild, the Dunblane teacher wounded in the shooting, at Westminster yesterday

Wounded teacher tries to shame MPs into action

BY ALICE THOMSON

A TEACHER and parents of children who were shot at Dunblane went to Westminster yesterday to "shame MPs into doing the right thing".

They did not bring placards or petitions, they did not raise their voices. Nine parents joined the relatives of Gwen Mayor, the teacher who was killed, and Eileen Harrild, the teacher who was wounded, in urging MPs to vote for a total ban on handguns.

Mrs Harrild was choking with emotion as she recalled the last moments in the gymnasium. "I had no idea what calibre of guns Thomas Hamilton was carrying on March 13," she said. "It just seems ludicrous that the Government are thinking of retaining 22 calibre handguns in the name of sport."

Rod Mayor, who carried a picture of his wife,said: To every MP I say: Think of the person you love most dearly - and then think of the 17 families identifying the bullet-ridden bodies of their loved ones'. Do we want to risk a tragedy like this one again."

George Robertson, shadow Scottish Secretary, tried to keep the families' spirits up as they spoke about their lost children in an effort to win MPs round. He was joined by Hugh Dykes, Terry Dicks and Before filing into the chamber.

they said a prayer to Victoria. Emma. Sophie. David. Hannah, Melissa, John. Charlotte, Emily. Megan, Kevin, Brett, Joanna, Abigail. Mhairi. Ross and Gwen. The pro-gun lobby arrived mak-

ing a great deal more noise and brandishing flags proclaiming: 57,000 shomers are being punished for one man's action."

As Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, got up to speak it was clear that both groups would be united only in their disappointment with the outcome of the vote.

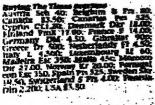
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billion of its debt best month - twice as much as expected — and conomists and that Mr. Clarke could now cut taxes and reduce his public berrowing forecast for

Royal PR quits

Charles Amon has resigned as the Queen's press secretary to become public relations director for Grand Metropolitari, whose interests include Burger King and Smirnoff vodka. He will be replaced by his departy Geoffrey Craw-



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Portillo backs new inquiry into British arms deals

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND MICHAEL EVANS

A FRESH investigation into been told that administration has been tightened up. Yet this story would seem to Britain's arms export policy looked increasingly likely last suggest that there were still night after allegations that a serious problems. It would British company supplied weapons to the former Rwanappear that the authorities dan Government during the were not carrying out the work genocide of a million people. The Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, which demanded tighter con-



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Centre in July last year and the comedian offered a £10,000 reward

"no questions asked" to have them back. Peter Princhard, Mr Monk-

house's agent and a special constable for 14 years, set up yesterday's meeting

in his west London office. Mr Pritchard

said: "We were approached on Sunday

that they told my committee a few weeks ago they were

> MPs on the committee believe that there are still insufficient measures to prevent British companies breaching arms embargos by exporting weapons and am-munition via third countries. The E3.3 million of arms allegedly supplied to the for-mer Rwandan Army by an Isle of Man-based company trading as Mil-Tec Corpora-tion Ltd reached their destina-

tion via Israel and Albania. Mr Portillo said: "The question being raised is that even if they don't export the arms from this country, should agents or intermediaries be allowed to be based in the United Kingdom."

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Belgian ministers deny sex scandal

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and a regional minister were at the centre of criminal investigations into paedophilia last night as the inquiry into last summer's

child murder scandal grew. Officials confirmed that Elio Di Rupo, the Deputy Prime Minister and Economics Minister, was the focus of a police investigation after media re-ports linking him to homosexual acts with minors. Mr Di Rupo, 45, who makes no secret of his homosexuality, denied any connection with paedophile crime, as did Jean-Pierre Grafe, the Minister for Higher Education in the French-

speaking region. The two men were linked in Belgian television reports to an investigation into homosexual prostitution in Brussels. There was no suggestion, however, of any connection with the case of Marc Durroux, the paedophile kid-Leading article, page 17 | napper at the centre of the

police." At the meeting, "the books were returned to us, the money was

passed over and the police arrested a

Mr Monkhouse was thrilled last

night. To say I am overjoyed would be

understaing my state of mind. I am ecstatic," he said. "My agent told me:

gium since August. However, the inquiry into the ministers' activities was a severe shock for the Government of Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime

Both Mr Di Rupo and Mr Grafé accused political opponents of mounting a smear Continued on page 2, col 4



Di Rupo: welcomed the

A police spokesman said last night:

"A £10,000 reward was handed to a

man. Officers from West End Central

goods. He is now in custody at Bow

Mr Monkhouse is still without his

Monkhouse has the last laugh over stolen jokes

BY EMMA WILKINS

trols on export licensing after

tions in private tomorrow.

And Michael Portillo lent

his support to MPs' calls for

an investigation into the Rwandan deals, saying they would provoke "a lot of thinking in Government circles".

Some MPs believe that mun-isters misted them by claiming

that controls had been strengthened. Martin O'Neill,

the trade committee's Labour

A MAN collecting £10,000 for returning Bob Monkhouse's stolen comedy routines discovered yesterday that the best gags often have a sting in the tail. After he handed over the missing jokes, he was arrested by police.

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Lynch law rules as frightened leaders wait for the strangers in town

rorised the Commons yesterday. That may sound harsh, but how else do you describe the sense of duress hanging over the Chamber? Doubtful hackbenchers looked up nervously at the block of empty seats in the Strangers' Gallery which the Serjeant-at-Arms Department had reserved for the parents and their Snowdrop Cam-

MPs who ventured to op-pose the Firearms Bill prefaccd every argument with

or good or ill the condolences to the hereaved.

Dunblane parents ter- As both front benches combined to ram through the Bill using a "guillotine" to curtail debate, Ministers and Labour spokesmen laced their remarks with insistence that the matter was urgent. Nobody explained why.

During the earlier part of the day, the Dunblane parents large Committee Room upstairs, where MPs were inon the preliminary motions began, an entire two rows of empty seats, the width of the

apparent: an empty stretch of green leather never normally seen in the mid-afternoon. when pressure for seats from the public is strong. These were for Dunblane parents awaiting the main debate.

This sketchwriter was unaware that lobbying groups. however deserving, were able to book large blocks of seats to be kept for their arrival. sitting together. The effect

Introducing the guillotine motion, the Home Secretary,



Michael Howard, said that extraordinary measures were necessary when legislation "directly affecting the safety and security of the public" was urgently needed. "If ever there were such an issue," he said. "this is it."

If grimaces are any guide, some backbenchers regarded this remark as patently absurd, but it was greeted by a

wise nodding of heads along

both front benches. "We owe it to the victims to bring this crucial issue to a conclusion," Mr Howard's Labour Shadow, Jack Straw, said. It was "not an issue which should be decided by party or ideology, but by the conscience and judgment of those on both sides.

In fact, a guillotine motion

override the conscience and judgment of those on both sides. This sketch awaits a workable definition of the category of measures that ought not to be decided by the conscience and judgment of

those on both sides. Cowed, however, by the coralling of "conscience and judgment" behind one point of view, few scowling backbenchers dared to confront. most judging it wiser to cavil. Before I left, only Nicholas Budgen (C. Wolverhampton SW), had really squared up to

is framed in order for party to the prevailing wisdom. Whether or not you agreed with him, Mr Budgen's was a

At his worst, this MP sounds like an intelligent goat quibbling over his tether; at his best, yesterday, he gathered real force. He said the guillotine was disgraceful; a guillotine agreed between front benches was "the worst sort - a lynch mob" treating "a significant and honourable minority of citizens without

Instead, he said, Parliament should ask of the Dunblane

parents whether in their of Budgen's colleagues glance nervously up at the Strangers' Gallery. The Snowdran

nique works. As I left, Mr Howard was explaining that a special dispensation will allow shooting competitions at the Commonwealth Games in 2002 — but British sportsmen will have to

These sportsmen should get on the phone now and book the Strangers' Gallery for the Third Reading of this Bill

practise abroad.

How the Mil-Tec trail led from Sussex to Sark

By Richard Duce, Danny McGrory, Ian Murray and Jon Ashworth

THE name Mil-Tec Corporation first emerged in a telephone call to a small accountancy firm on the Sussex coast in 1992. From there, the trail of the company which is alleged to have supplied arms to Rwanda leads through a travel agency in north London to the Isle of Man and on to the Channel Island of Sark

The accountancy firm in Hove is headed by Vinod P. Dhiri, who has run it for the past 20 years, but the call which started everything was made to Ravinder Jain, who had then recently joined the

Mr Jain said the call came "out of the blue" from Anoop Vidyarthi. whom he had met a few times on social occasions. Mr Vidyarthi allegedly told him he represented Mil-Tec Corporation Limited and asked if the firm would be prepared to do book-keeping work for the company. Mr Jain said yesterday: "He told us it was a general trading company and that was it. Nothing ever happened after that. We didn't provide any work for them and we didn't

charge anything."
He produced a blue file from a grey cabinet at their brick-built, semi-detached office on the outskirts of the town centre. Inside was a single, hand-written sheet of paper noting an initial contact

with Mil-Tec. Mr Dhiri, who runs the practice with a third partner, Varinder Singh, said: "We were absolutely unaware that our address was being used. It doesn't worry me because we've done nothing wrong. But we are angry that our

name has been used like this." Mr Vidayari, 48, came to Britain from Nairobi. He runs a small travel agency from a first floor office in Vivian Road, Hendon, Associates say he also runs and importexport business from the same address and owns other properties in the block, including private flats and a number of shops, among them a school for aromatherapy.

His family is said to own a large printing factory in the Kenyan capital and Mr Vidayarthi makes regular trips to Africa where his associates in Travelour say he has "limited business interests'

Yesterday after reading reports of the alleged arms smuggling he told staff. "he was going away for a few days". A member of staff at the Travelour company, who refused to give his name over the office intercom, said: "Mr Vidayarthi was aware of the

comment about it. I don't know anything about guns or anything like that."

Travelour also lists a Mrs Anjana Vidayarthi as a director and advertises that it specialises in organising visas and travel arrangements to

At his home 800 yards away in Allington Road, a whitefronted, four-bedroomed, detached house - where neighbours say the family has lived since 1989 - the mail lay unopened on the front

Mil-Tec was registered in the Isle of Man as a company on February. 16. 1993. The original directors were John David Clarke and Bernard Galka, partners at the Isle of Man branch of BDO Binder. one of Britain's largest ac-countancy firms. Binder's address on the island is used by Mil-Tec for registration

Binder's act in a general way as company formation agents." according to Helen Hatton, head of enforcement of the Isle of Man's Financial Supervision Commission.

6 I found out more about the company from reading The Times today than I did all the time I was a director ?

"They keep a stock of companies on the shelf so that if someone wants to set up a company quickly they can respond immediately."

It costs £600 a year to register a company in this way and the main requirement by the Isle of Man authorities is that an annual return is sent on showing the names and addresses of the directors, officers and shareholders.

In the case of Mil-Tec, the annual returns were sent for 1994 and 1995, but the one due last February has not been received and the company may now be struck off.

BDO Binder said its duties had always been limited to secretarial services for the preparation and filing of stat-utory returns. It had no involvement or control over the management of the company. In June 1903, two new

directors were registered for the company: John Trevor Greer Donnelly, 41, and his father Trevor Robinson, who live together on Sark.

According to Mrs Hanson they are directors of "literally thousands of companies" in Ireland, the Turks and Caicos. John Donnelly holds 116 company directorships in Britain alone. "They are called facilitators," she said. "They stand as directors for companies without necessarily knowing what the company does."

John Donnelly is listed as company secretary with RMS Secretaries, a subsidiary of Binder, as associate secretary. The shareholders are Business Management Services Nominees and Business Management Second Nominees, two further companies run by

Mil-Tec is administered by Business Management Services Nominees; a directlysubsidiary of BDO Binder. The nominee companies act as shareholders for whoever the real owner of the company is and keep the name

Although island authorites are not able to investigate Mil-Tec at present, they can do so at the request of British customs or police. British customs are waiting to see documents recovered in Rwanda before asking the authorities to obtain a production order requiring Binder to reveal who is behind the company.

Speaking from Sark yesterday. Mr Donnelly said that if he had known what business Mil-Tec was in, he would never have agreed to become a diretor. "I found out more about the company from reading The Times today than I did all the time I was a director," he said. "I am no ionger a director. I told the company secretary to delete my name and that of my father.

Mr Donnelly would not explain why he had allowed his name to be used by a company about which he was so ignorant or why, as company secretary, he had failed to have his name taken off the register. "I am referring all this to my solicitor," he said. "He will speak for me about this in future."

A statement by the Isle of Man Financial Supervision Office said that Mil-Tec was not involved in operations which were regulated by them, but because the island government had been "concerned about some aspects of company formation for some time" it was working on a system to regulate company formation and management activity in order to deter abuse in this area.

The Mil-Tec saga poses an embarrassment to the Manx authorities. The island's reputation received a dent in 1984 when the Isle of Man Savings and investment Bank was shut-down, losing depositors



Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, believes that Britain's role may be to help to search for missing refugees

British artillery unit will go to Zaire to protect our forces

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE battalion earmarked for relief work with refugees in Zaire will be protected by a British artillery unit as well as by armoured vehicles, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, disclosed yesterday.

Under plans ready for Cabinet approval once the reconnaissance party has returned from the region tonight, an artillery battery equipped with 105mm light guns with a range of more than ten miles will be included in the force Britain expects to deploy to Zaire.

Unlike some nations now having second thoughts about sending troops after the massed return to Rwanda over the weekend of up to 500,000 refugees from camps in eastern Zaire, the Government appears convinced there is still a need to send a British force to the region, having received the latest intelligence about the remaining refugees.

In an interview with The Times yesterday. Mr Portillo said: "There has clearly been a significant change. Hundreds of thousands of refugees have left the Goma area and have gone across the

moment is that this movement has not soread to the other areas and there's a very large number of refugees unaccounted for. In the southern area around Bukavu where the British troops will go, there are some indications of movement

but no suggestion of a mass movement. "So it's premature for the international community to breathe a sigh of relief and to conclude that there's nothing to be done, because there are hundreds of thousands of refugees unaccounted for and we should assume that they will have been penetrated by the armed militia who may be restraining them from returning home as they might wish."

made after assessing the report from the 43-man reconnaissance party led by Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, of the Royal Marines, Mr Portillo envisaged that part of the British responsibility would be to search for the missing refugees. He saw the need for artillery "because the number one priority for me is to make sure our forces are properly protected". He added: "It's better to carry a proper deterrent and avoid the risk that

lightly armed and risk an aggressor thinking that he can get the better of our forces".

Both 45 Commando Royal Marines and the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment, the two units now on 72 hours' notice for Zaire, are trained to deploy with 105mm guns, which were also sent to protect troops in Bosnia.

Mr Portillo said the force he had in mind would be based on 1,000 "frontline" troops with additional support units. The force would not be insignificant, he emphasised. "It doesn't necessarily imply a huge force, but it will certainly mean we will have to be properly equipped. The whole deployment would take 21 days, but from an earlier stage "the first forces will be doing useful work". The first troops are scheduled to leave within 24 hours of final

Cabinet approval to send a force to Zaire. Countries planning to contribute troops to the mission are due to meet in Stuttgart tomorrow to review the force's size and mandate. Raymond Chretien, the Canadian special envoy in Zaire, has said that a multinational humanitarian force was still needed in eastern Zaire.

Spring praises 'positive' Sinn Fein

THE Irish Deputy Prime Minister has backed Sinn Fein's stance on the peace process in Northern Ireland and said the republicans were

"going in the right direction". Dick Spring said the Sinn Fein leadership was trying to ensure there was another cessation of violence. A speech by Martin McGuinness, a leading member of the organisation, in Tralee, Co Kerry, was

"significant and important". Mr McGuinness said last week that any new ceasefire could not be treated in the same way as the 18-month cessation which ended last February when the IRA combed London Docklands. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, replied that the Government was not looking for victory over the IRA.

Mr Spring, speaking in Dublin yesterday, said he had no information to suggest an IRA ceasefire was imminent. He said, however, that the republican political leadership was doing all it could to bring , 🗓 📭

one about. The upbeat and optimistic mood of the Irish Government is at odds with loyalists in Northern Ireland, who are concerned that the Government is shifting the entry requirements into the multiparty talks. Unionists have said that they will leave the talks, which resumed in Stormont yesterday, if the criteria for entry are shifted to suit Sinn Fein.

A group of IRA suspects who claim the Irish Governwho claim the Irish Government is detaining them illegally yesterday began a legal Life for a battle for their release from prison. The men, including Brixton escapee Nessan Quinlivan, were released and rearrested earlier this month after an administrative mixup. Quinlivan and 13 other men had their cases adjourned until next Monday. Quinlivan's lawyers will apply for bail later this week.

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Belgian ministers

Continued from page I campaign. Mr Di Rupo said he was the victim of "an

infernal machination". "It is odious that I am being held responsible for acts of paedophilia in my private life . I am not remotely involved in that type of thing," Mr Di Rupo said. However, he added that he welcomed the inquiry because it would give him the against scurrilous allegations.

Mr de Grafé, a member of the French-speaking Christian Democrat party, deplored what he called "atrocious rumours" and said he would defend his honour to the end at any inquiry

Herman De Croo, leader of the conservative VLD party. urged Mr Dehaene to make a public statement on the affair. which has been heightened by the intense emotion over the Dutroux case.

The failure of the authorities to put an end to Dutroux's activities have helped to shatter confidence in Belgium's institutions. Mr De Croo also called for action over unrelated corruption allegations. made by a senior legal official. against Karel Pinxten, the Agriculture Minister.

State prosecutors yesterday denied reports in the Flemish media that Mr Di Rupo or Mr

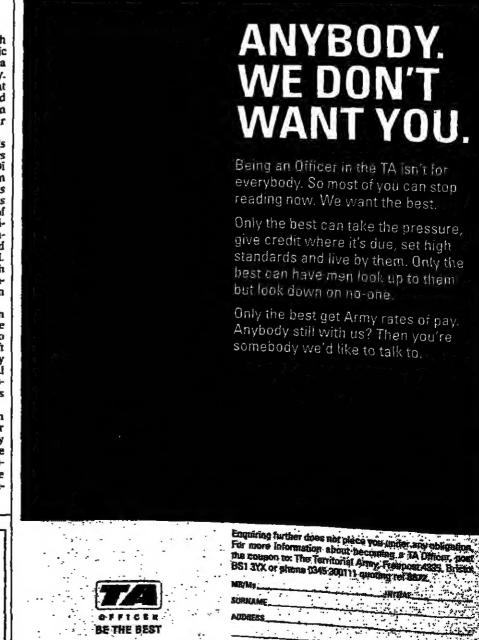
de Grafe were connected with the seizure of pornographic video cassettes in a raid at a Brussels house on Friday. They confirmed, however, that two ministers, whom they did not name, had been cited in evidence in another

investigation. Le Soir, the main Brussels daily, and other newspapers yesterday reported that Mr Di Rupo's name appeared in police from an anonymous source. These gave details of the alleged conduct of politicians in the homosexual underworld of Brussels and cited under-age boys, Le Soir said. A spokesman for the High Court confirmed that two ministers' names appeared in an investigation.

"If it is necessary to question them, the normal procedure will be followed," he said. No request had been made to lift the parliamentary immunity of the ministers, the normal preliminary to a formal investigation. Belgian prosecutors

Mr Di Rupo, who has been a Deputy Prime Minister since 1994, earned sympathy among colleagues and the media yesterday for his forthright statement in which he acknowledged his unconventional private life.







. Man whose death led to riot 'robbed couple with knife'

A BLACK man whose death in police custody sparked a riot in Brixton last year had held a terrified couple at knifepoint in their bed shortly before his arrest, an inquest was told

praise of yesterday.

Kate Short, a 31-year-old primary school teacher, told the jury that an intruder woke her up in the middle of the night by shining a torch in her late. He brandished an &in krufe he had taken from her kitchen before demanding the personal identification numbers of bank cards he stole from her and her husband.

Mrs Short, who has been unable to work since the incident, said that he warned them he would return if they gave him bogus numbers and shouted: "I am going to come back and get you." Mrs Short said: "I was absolutely petrified, I thought he was going to

The inquest into the death of Wayne Douglas, 25, was told that he was arrested shortly after the robbery. Police chased him through a children's playground and took him into custody. He was certified dead in

hospital about two hours later, allegedly from a heart attack, although his friends and family maintain that he was beaten by police. A week later, a protest outside Brixton police station, in southwest London, led to hours of rioting and El million damage.

Sir Montague Levine, the South London Coroner, told a packed courtroom at Southwark Crown Court that he was aware "feelings have been running high", but added that, no matter how well-meaning were the organisations supporting Mr Douglas, the inquest should not become a political forum.

He told the jury, which that any attempts to harass or frighten them or witnesses should be reported to police. One woman juror was excused after she said she did not think she could cape with the case, and two others were allowed to leave after disclos-

nections. Mr Douglas, an unemployed single man living in a hostel in southeast London, left school without qualifications. He was said to have had previous convictions for conspiracy to rob and for burglary, and to have served 18 months in prison,

His sister, Lisa, said police told her of his death 36 hours after it happened. They said that he had been struck on the wrist with a baton to make him drop his knife.

Mrs Short said that she and her husband, Justin, had gone to bed in their two-bedroom maisonette in Brixton shortly before midnight on the night of December 4. Their from door was fitted with Yale and



Short thought she was going to be stabbed

Chubb locks, though only the Yale was locked. "At about 2.45am I awoke to see a shadow holding a torch to my face," she said.

"A small light was in front of my face and I screamed. He told me to get the covers over my head in a loud voice. My husband said to him, What do you want? in an angry manner. The man said, Get your head under the cover unless you want to get stabbed. I will stab year, you know.' I could see the knife in his right hand, waving it from side to side. I

was in shock." The intruder had asked if she had any jewellery, to which she had replied that she had none of value. He then

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had found a job that for her

was paradise on earth. She

lived with horses night and

day, and was a very accom-

Huristone began seeing James Pearce, 49, in the formight before she was killed. On the

night of her death she had

spent an evening in the pub

with Mr Pearce. Webber

broke into her caravan

through the window and bludgeomed her to death.

The court had been told how Webber, became possessive and angry when Miss

plished rider."

Mr Hurlstone said: "She

took bank cards belonging to her and her husband, demanding the Pin numbers. "I was in such a panic I couldn't remember it." Mrs Short said. "He became even more angry and agitated. He shouted. You know the number.' I blurted out the real number. I was absolutely petrified. I thought he was going to

stab us."

Her husband had given the man a bogus number for his bank card. The introder had said: I could stab you if you have given me the wrong numbers. I am going to come back and get you." He escaped with about £50, two bank cards and a NatWest cashpoint card, as well as a video recorder, threatening as he left to draw £500 from their

While his wife dialled 999 from a bedside telephone, Mr Short ran downstairs to check windows and doors, but there was no sign of forced entry. Mrs Short described the intruder as black, aged 20 to 25, with a Jamaican accent -"heavy on the rasta-sounding. lilt" - and said he was "very menacing and intimidating", with staring eyes. She was asked by the coro-

ner when she was made aware that the man who had entered the bedroom had died. She said police had informed her later that day. She showed signs of distress while giving evidence, but was told by the coroner to have no lears

about repercussions". Mr Short, an advertising sales executive, said that dur-ing the ordeal he heard the intruder unzip his wallet and at one stage felt him prod him in the chest with either his hand or the knife while demanding the card numbers.

Throughout I felt very threatened and scared he was going to attack ... This has had a devastating effect on my wife." Earlier, Lisa Douglas-Williams said that her brother had suffered depression after the stillbirth of his girlfriend's baby. She said that there was

no history of heart disease in

the Douglas family.



Aliens cause football chief's downfall

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE chairman and chief executive of Carlisle United Football Club is stepping down after a newspaper disclosed his belief that aliens spoke to him from their spacecraft above the M62.

Michael Knighton thinks no one will take him seriously after details of what has since been dubbed "a close encounter of the Third Division kind" were published in the Carlisle News and Star under the headline "Knighton: Aliens spoke to me". He said: "I am not prepared to have my nine-year-old son Rory taunted with "Your dad speaks to ET. I can see the funny side to it, but there is also a serious side and it is a great shame." Keith Sutton, editor of the

News and Star, said he was now starting a campaign to keep Mr Knighton at the club. The fact that he sighted a UFO on the M62 doesn't disqualify him from being the chairman. He has done a lot for the city and the club." Mr Knighton said he had told the story in the strictest

confidence, which the paper had broken. The sighting happened in 1977 as he was driving on the M62 with his wife, Rosemary, and saw strange lights in the sky.

The paper quoted him as saying: "The bright dot became a triangle and shot down from the sky at an incredible speed. It then turned into a glowing disc which hovered above a petrol station at about the height of Nelson's Column. It was amazing." They watched the light for about 30 minutes. Then, moments before the

voice inside his head which told him: "Michael, don't be afraid." He said: "I was so excited. It was just the most incredible experience. For seven years after that I spent time UFO spotting. I just wish I could come in contact again." Mr Knighton, 45, a proper-

ty millionaire, was previously known for his unsuccessful attempt to buy Manchester United in 1989, when he was photographed juggling a football on the Old Trafford pitch. He failed to secure backers for



Vicar scarred by gay lover pledges chastity

A VICAR who was scarred permanently when his homosexual lover slashed him in the face and neck with a scalpel after reportedly seeing "a vision" has returned to work in his

parish, vowing to lead a celibate life. The Rev Nigel Asbridge, of the Holy Innocents, in Hornsey, north London, needed more than 200 stitches after the attack by Steven Barber, 36, a nurse. Barber was yesterday sent to a secure psychiatric hospital indefinitely after he admitted causing Mr Asbridge grievous bodily harm in December last ine from a psycho-

pathic disorder which "interacted with his difficulties in coping with relationships", the Old Bailey was told.

The Rev Rob Harrison, a spokesman for the Bishop of Edmonton, said of Mr Asbridge after the hearing: "His congregation has been very supportive throughout. There is no question he is a practising homosexual. He is committed to the principle that homosexual clergy should aim to lead celibate lives. He admits he has made a mistake and has paid dearly for it."

Mr Asbridge, 38, had tried to disarm tarber when he called at his home,

complaining that the vicar was giving him nightmares and threatening to kill himself. Peter Walsh, for the prosecution, said that Barber then told Mr Asbridge he was going to kill him and struck him with the scalpel on the top of the head. The vicar run to the door, but in panic could not open it. Barber then slashed Mr Asbridge across the forehead and down the nose and both lips, into the neck. Barber appeared in court yesterday bearing neck scars where he tried to cut himself from ear

to Barber, who had told him he was depressed and wanted someone to talk to, Mr Walsh said. "It developed into an emotional and sexual relationship." But during a holiday in Greece in 1994, Barber became violent towards the vicar. Mr Asbridge had the impression that Barber had Aids and was going to die, so he took a sympathetic attitude. the court was told.

After his arrest. Barber said he had gone to the vicar's home intending to commit suicide. "He said he had a vision and there was no other option but to kill himself." Mr Walsh sa

Always read the label. Trade on

Life for admirer | Murderer escapes who turned killer through window

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A FARMWORKER who killed a stablegirf in a jealous rage was jailed for life yesterday. Stephen Webber, a bachelor who was not normally aggres-sive, had showered Jessie Huristone with gifts but she wanted him only as a platonic friend and started to date

arminer murl Webber, 39, bludgeoned her 30 times around the head with an iron hook at the stables at Buckfastleigh, Devon, where she worked for Richard Frost. the National Hunt trainer.

A jury at Exeter Crown
Court found him guilty of
murder Sentencing him to life
imprisonment, Mr Justice
Rougier said: "However that
girl treated you, it was no
excuse or mitigation for batterinstalling and of her in this ing the life out of her in this terrible act of revenge. The very fact of this terrible killing shows there must be in you a capacity for homble violence."

Just three weeks before her death. Miss Huristone. 21. had told her mother Caroline and steplather Terry how much she was enjoying her life at the stables where she had worked for five years. Outside court. Mr Huristone said he was discussing with Frost family the possibility of naming a race after his daughter at .

HOVE IN THE

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MURDERER serving a life sentence for killing a young policeman was on the run yesterday after escaping from a secure psychiatric ward with the help of an accomplice.

Peter Loveday, 38, was jailed in 1979 after battering to death PC Christopher Mc-Donald, 19, in Worksop, Not-tinghamshire, as he fled from an attempted burglary. At the time of the murder he was on the run from borstal.

Kem police said yesterday that Loveday had escaped from the Crofton Clinic, part of Bexley Hospital in southeast London. He was not considered dangerous but the public should not approach

As the hospital began a security review, it became clear that the escape was carefully planned. Senior staff said Loveday had pretended to go for a bath late on Sunday night. He had locked himself in the bathroom and jammed the lock mechanically, or with superglue, so that it could not be over-ridden. He had switched on a radio and ran the taps so that nurses believed there was nothing wrong

The noise masked the work Jessie Huristone race may be named after her of an accomplice, who was

making an escape route through the reinforced window of the ground floor bathroom. Loveday crawled through the 3ft square gap, dropped to the ground and climbed over a 10ft perimeter fence with a ladder provided by the accomplice. Staff

Last night Stephen Firm, director of nursing at the hospital, said the escape "was very well planned with outside help". Security would be

He said the 15-bed ward was graded as a medium secure unit, which meant that the exits were locked and there were additional measures such as the reinforced windows. The security measures met Home Office standards but the ward was not meant to be escape-proof as the patients were not considered dan-

gerous. Loveday had been in the ward for about a year after being transfered from another hospital. He had been moved from prison because it was thought he might harm himself. Mr Firn said that while he was in the ward, Loveday had not caused any problems

believe the two then escaped in

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Lottery win ruined life for neighbours

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A LOTTERY win named a pieasant couple into neigh-bours who made life a nightmare, the man who used to live need door to them said yesterday. Wendy and Neil Nurris annoyed other people

OVET £300?

in their quiet residential street with late-night drinks parties after Mrs Norris, a British Airways stewardess, won almost £350,000 last year.

Finally, just before bonfire night last year, her husband fought with Adam O'Donohuc, who lived next door in Stalybridge, Greater Manchester, over some noisy fireworks. In the struggle Norris thrust a beer glass in his face.

The attack left Mr O'Donohue, 30, a purchasing controller, scarred from a fiveinch wound. He still needs treatment for the injury. Yesterday Norris, a warehouse manager, pleaded guilty at Minshull Street Crown Court. Manchester, to unlawful wounding. He will be sentenced on Friday. He had

pleaded not guilty to an alternative charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The charge was ordered to lie on file. Norris was released on conditional bail while pre-sentence

reports are prepared. No evidence was given during the 15-minute hearing but after the case was adjourned Mr O'Donohue, a father of two, described how Nonis had been a pleasant neighbour. "After they won the lottery he just became worse and worse. They used to stay up late drinking but after they won all that money they were at it every night."

Mr O'Donohue has since

moved to Accrington, Lanca-

shire. The Norrises have

since bought a bungalow in

Failsworth, On November 3 last year

Mr Norris began letting off mortar-type fireworks. Mr O'Donohue's wife, Justine, 26, complained about the noise which was upsetting the couple's twins, James and Mollie, aged three. Mr O'Donohue said: "He

bought these huge fireworks for about £30 each just to show off. They were going off right outside the twins' bedroom and they started screaming. I went upstairs to calm them down and Justine went to complain. As I came back down the stairs Norris was hanging on the front windows. I went out to see what was wrong and he started

Prescott defends fund for Blair, but fails to declare his own

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

JOHN PRESCOTT, who yesterday defended the secret £500,000 fund set up to pay Tony Blair's office expenses. has a similar private account,

it was disclosed last night. Mr Prescott denied in a BBC radio interview that he was embarrassed by the revelation of the hundreds of thousands of pounds that have poured into Mr Blair's office in undisclosed donations.

However, he omitted to mention the John Prescott Campaign Research Trust. which The Times has learnt is an important financial contributor to his Deputy Labour Leader's office. The names of the donors are a closely guarded secret. Even Mr Prescott's closest aides do not know how much money is in the account, a "blind trust" in which the identity of the donors is concealed to prevent accusations of cash for favours.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow

Chancellor, also receives financial assistance towards his office costs from the Industrial Research Trust a third blind fund operated by the Labour Party. The blind accounts were set up by the Labour leadership after taking advice from barristers.

It had been reported that Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards who approved the formation of the accounts, was planning to refer the trusts to the Commons Privileges Committee. Lord Nolan, who was appointed by John Major to monitor standards in public life, yesterday said the issue should be investigated after

the general election. Party political funding was not covered by the remit for his committee but Lord Nolan told Classic FM: "Aspects of it clearly would be, because if you're paying money to a party in return for favours, that is by any reckoning misconduct of the kind which is up to us to talk about." Lord Nolan said that it would not be wise to examine it now. "We have operated as an all-party, or as I prefer to say, a non-party committee, so we think that after the election

will be the time to look at it." Labour publishes the names of donors who give more than E5,000 to party funds. But it has waived the rule for the office costs of Mr Blair. Mr Prescott and Mr Brown. Officials said yesterday that identical accounts were in place under John Smith's

Mr Prescott, interviewed on Radio 4's The World at One, said that there was a difference between donations to the party and individual MPs. "It is crucially important that the leader is not aware of any funding contributions coming in to his actual office." Brian Mawhinney. the Tory Party chairman, said: "We

have always taken the view

that people have the right to privacy if they wish to offer funds to political parties."

him." It was a serious accident almost 30 years ago which gave Mr O'Donnell the ability

Ex-boxer

who saves

babies by

giving blood

By Shirley English A FORMER boxing champion is the only man in Scotland

who naturally produces an

which is fatal to babies. For

the past ten years, doctors in

Glasgow have been taking

blood from Frank O'Donnell.

57. from Castlemilk, Strath-

clyde, to make an anti-D

vaccine against haemolytic

The disease occurs when

mothers and babies have in-compatible blood groups which lead the mother's body

to reject the foetus. So far Mr

O'Donnell's blood, in which

anti-D antibodies occur natu-

rally, has saved around 20,000

babies. Yesterday, as he gave

his 400th pint in ten years, he

met some of those who he

helped to keep alive at Queen

Mother's Hospital, Glasgow. Dianne Cook, whose son.

Ryan Gregory, was treated last week, said: "Frank is a

champion life-saver. My baby

would not be alive without

Frank O'Donnell with Ryan Cook, whose life he saved

to produce the vital antibody. He was working as a crane driver in 1968 when he fell 45 feet. He is O Rhesus negative, but he lost so much blood after the fall that the hospital ran out of supplies and had to give him Rhesus positive blood. Mr O'Donnell said: "It was

a case of kill or cure. In time,

sion caused me to produce the anti-D antibody naturally."

The father of five, who has nine grandchildren, added: "I believe I was saved after the accident for a reason. The reason was that my blood can save babies' lives. I never miss

the Rhesus positive transfu-

HENSIN BRIEF

CPS considers case against editor's wife

Police investigating allegations of theft and handling Police investigating allegations of theft and handling stolen goods against Anita Monk, wife of The Express deputy editor Ian Monk, yesterday passed the papers to the Crown Prosecution Service. The move came as Richard Addis, the Editor, confirmed he was holding an inquiry into the affair, which centres on allegations that a woman tried to sell a pre-publication copy of Alian Starkie's biography of the Duchess of York, Fergie: Her Secret Life. Chief Inspector Ken Wise confirmed that Mrs Monk, 52, from Folmer, Buckinghamshire, was not required to answer police bail at Uxbridge police station yesterday. "The case is still being investigated. It is a complicated issue and the advice of the Crown Prosecution Service is being sought," he said. "Depending on whatever their

being sought," he said. "Depending on whatever their advice is, she will or will not have to come back at some date in the future."

Last month Mr Addis and Andrew Marr, Editor of The Independent, announced a joint initiative to raise ethical standards in journalism. Sources at The Express confirmed Mr Addis was deeply embarrassed by events. Mr Addis said yesterday. "Ian Monk is still deputy editor, he is still working here and he is still in the building. We can say nothing about the outcome of our inquiries into the events of the last few days until they are all concluded."

IRA ambush foiled

An IRA landmine ambush designed to kill members of the security forces was foiled at the weekend, police in Londonderry said yesterday. An RUC spokesman said officers uncovered a command wire that was to be used in the attack on the outskirts of the city, less than a mile from the border with the Irish Republic. Two men were being questioned last night.

Widow wins damages

A fireman's widow who saw her husband fall 100ft to his death when a faulty ladder collapsed at a training session won six-figure compensation at the High Court yesterday. Lesley Taylor, 35, of Newquay, has suffered post-traumatic stress disorder since the death of her husband Stephen, 31, in 1990, and sued for neligence. Cornwall County Council

Convictions quashed

A man awarded £50,000 after the West Midlands Serious A man awarded 250,000 after the west Midianus Serious Crime Squad handcuffed him and put a plastic bag over his head during interviews had his convictions quashed by the Court of Appeal. Derek Treadaway, 51, was jailed for 15 years by Leicester Crown Court on March 10, 1983, for robbery and conspiracy to rob. His case was referred to the appeal court after the award of damages on July 28, 1994.

Brady loses privacy bid

Ian Brady, the Moors murderer, failed in an attempt at the Court of Appeal to challenge *The Sun's* right to publish a photograph of him taken with a telephoto lens at Ashworth psychiatric hospital. Merseyside. The judges upheld a decision by the Press Complaints Commission that publication did not warrant censure and rejected Brady's application for permission to seek a judicial review.

Best novels reread

Beryl Bainbridge's book Every Man for Himself has been shortlisted in the best novel category of the Whitbread Prize, along with the book that beat her to the Booker Prize last month, Graham Swift's Last Orders. Seamus Deane, whose Reading in the Dark was initially a favourite for the Booker, was placed on the Whitbread's First Novel Award shortlist.

Mr Andrew Barday was not Governor of Whitemoor Prison at the time of the breakout of IRA prisoners in 1994 (report, November 4); he had moved to another post five months before that incident.

£6,292,000 on fundraising in 1995, and 9.51 per cent of annual income on administration. We regret the incorrect figures in a report in some editions of August 23.

Additional Service on Channel 5

Advertisement of Licence

The Independent Television Commission is today, 19 November, inviting applications for a licence to provide the additional service using spare capacity on Channel 5. The service could take several forms as explained in the Invitation to Apply, but the one most familiar to the general public would be a teletext service.

The licence will be for a term of 10 years and will be awarded by competitive tender. The licence provides for a seven day a week operation during the hours for which Channel 5 is broadcast.

The Invitation to Apply specifies the terms and conditions relating to the provision of the additional service on Channel 5, together with the draft licence, and is available from the Secretary to the Independent Television Commission, 33 Foley Street, London, W1P 7LB. A number of relevant documents are listed in the Invitation to Apply and can be obtained from the ITC's Information Office at the same address.

Applications addressed to the Secretary to the Commission giving information on the form specified in the Invitation to Apply, together with the application fee of £20,000, must reach the ITC at 33 Foley Street not later than noon on 28 February 1997.



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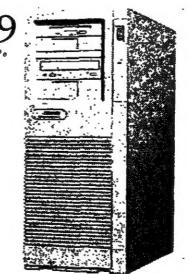




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New York strategy to get crime off streets

SCOTLAND YARD has launched a "zero tolerance" campaign to clear away beggars, drunks, pickpockets and vandals from some of London's roughest streets.

Yesterday the first of 25 officers who make up a special team under Operation Zero Tolerance took to the streets around King's Cross. Another operation is under way in south London and the Yard is also planning to test a technique developed in New York of using computers to identify and target crime hotspots.

A team of officers led by Brian Hayes, the Deputy Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, spent five days in New York earlier this year when they examined a "cando" policing revolution launched by Bill Brattan, the New York Police Commission-

Crime fell substantially as Mr Brattan's officers were told to refuse to tolerate any offences, no matter how minor. He argued that checking up on petry offenders often pro-vided intelligence on more

serious crime. As the King's Cross team mustered yesterday, Superin-tendent Ken Duncan said: The message is that antisocial behaviour is not acceptable. No crime, no matter how trivial, will be tolerated in the King's Cross area." He said people should not be subjected to drunks, vandals, addicts

Mr Duncan said that petty crime made people feel the area was degenerating and getting rid of the crime would make local people feel better and safer. Police will not necessarily arrest all offenders, but sometimes warn them off or see them out of the area.

The operation will run until Christmas. An anti-drug drive is being started by British Transport Police at the station. Yesterday police in south London began extending an operation undertaken hast month when a dozen officers concentrated on an 300-yard-stretch of Pecidaen High restore public confidence. Officers have been told to

enforce minor laws and curb drunks, cycling on the footways and obstruction by traders. They have been sold to report litter and graffit to the local authority as well as monitoring pubs and clubs. In the first few weeks police made 30 arrests and yesterday

Police use Trainspotters try new line to shed nerdy look New York



Traditional look: Alan Worthington at Clapham

By Jonathan Prynn and Damian Whitworth

A NEW image for rail enthusiasts was launched yesterday. They are fashionable, they are romantic and they are definitely not the sort of people

who follow the nerd. A £20,000 campaign to free them from ridicule invokes the names of famous enthusiasts such as Rod Stewart, Cher, Jools Holland and Victoria Wood. It has even commissioned designs for a modern outfit to replace the classic trainspotters' anorak. However, the fashion idea

was on the wrong track for spotters standing in the teethchattering chill at the end of platform nine at Clapham Junction yesterday. Their immediate response was: What's wrong with an anorak?

The campaign has been organised by the National Railway Museum in York. Jo Beckerley. a spokeswoman, said they wanted to highlight the fact that there was a wide range of "normal" people with a healthy interest in trains, heavily outnumbering the obsessive spotters. Celebrities interested in trains are being invited to back the project — and those who don't give support may be "outed" as closet enthusiasts.

We are saying that not all

they are not all sad, they do not all stand at the end of platforms," she said. "There is glamour and romance there. Think of the Orient Express, think of Brief Encounter goodness, if you don't cry at

that, you've no heart." The campaign will include posters, a detailed social survev of Britain's two million enthusiasts - and the new fashion designs, which were

> 6 If you hit balls into holes, that's socially acceptable, but if you watch trains, you are a head case ?

said to combine the Britpop look with practical needs such as big pockets.

Murray Brown, co-editor of Rail Express magazine, said the image problem was very unfair. If your hobby is hitting balls into holes you can't see, or sitting by the river in the rain catching fish, that is socially acceptable. But if you stand at Crewe station

The clothes designers for the museum travelled to Paris fashion shows to research the latest materials, using bright colours to make them more attractive to young people. The designs, launched initialy as limited edition outlits for the Sindy and Paul dolls, are to be featured in style magazines. Shiralee Mccornack, one of the designers, said: The jackets were influenced by the Mod parka but we

have done it in a very bright orange to increase visibility." Over at Clapham Junction, Alan Worthington, 37, from Southall, sported a heavyduty industrial Alexander anorak. Not so much a garment as a mobile home, it holds as a module nome, it nows notebooks, pens, timetables, camera, binoculars, gloves and sandwiches. He also wore an Arran sweater, bright red woolly hat and sun-

He said: "I really don't care if people poke fun and call me an anorak, that's up to them. I can give as good as I get. But there's no need for it. Just because we break the norm a bit, people don't understand us. What's wrong with stand-ing on a station? It's better than beating up grannies. Hang on a minute, was that



The new line: the design features bright colours with elements of the Paris fashions and Britpop

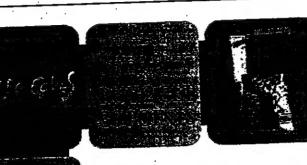
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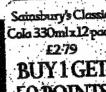
Abbey yesterday.

The White Dot is a newsletter which argues that the population should be meet ing people and falling in love" during their leisure time rather than staring at an electronic box. It claims that it reflects increasing concern about the damaging effects of too much

David Burke, its editor, a computer analyst from Brighson, said he had already received 40 letters of support.
Statistics suggest I per cent of
British households have no selevision in a population of 50 million. That could be 500,000 people. I think they are out there. They just don't know anyone else tike them.

against culture. We are just against sitting around staring at a piece of furniture for eight years of your waking life. I don't want people to have a life of the mind; I just want them to have a life. Children who







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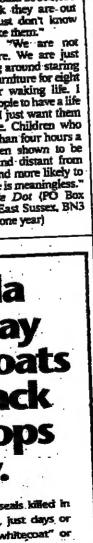
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Lawrie Haynes, chief execu-

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of cars and lorries on or roads, diverting traffic s before they form, could vorking within three years. he Government uncovered is yesterday for a grounded version of air traffic .rol. with information cenredirecting vehicles away n congested routes to clearoads. Private companies being asked to submit posals on how to set up. I and operate the £30 milscheme.

he Government admitted with traffic expected to ble by 2025, drivers are kely to see the back of fic jams. John Watts, the nsport Minister, said: "I * believe we have found a acea for congestion and I bt whether we ever will." nree regional centres will ies and huses along 6,500 s of motorway and trunk is across the country. Each I will be lined with sensors to detect when traffic is ring and building into a

. The electronic informawill be beamed to the onal control centre, which then put warnings on Iside signs and alert local o stations, suggesting alative routes. pdates will be by the nd, but how much infor-

ion drivers get will be ted by their willingness to All motorists will be able æ the roadside electronic el signs and listen to radio ideasts, but if they want to

3CHEME to control the receive more detailed informa- said: "We want to monitor conditions more effectively tion, they will have to pay and to improve the quality of Mr Wans sees the scheme information passed on to the becoming a sophisticated travmotorist. We want to give advance warning of conges-tion, more reliable journey el guidance system, so that drivers can switch from road to rail or air if they believe they times and less frustration.

The Government, which is can speed up their journeys. Drivers who discovered the instigating the scheme under the private finance inititiative. road ahead was blocked could key into an onboard computer has given interested companies until March to make to find their nearest rail stasuggestions. tion with parking and services to their destination, allowing The busiest routes would be covered first and the Highways Agency has already identified those on them to abandon the car and acted early could find out if which the biggest benefits their route was congested would be felt.

Doubts persist that even such a sophisticated information system as that envisaged will be able to deal with projected traffic levels, partic-

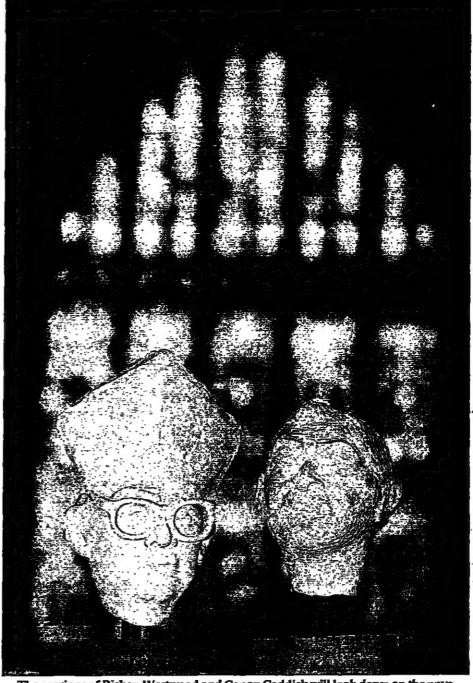
ularly at a time when spending on new roads has been almost eliminated by government cuts. Mr Havnes said the roads system was an asset that would have to work harder to cope with increased The new scheme is designed

to that end. Drivers travelling from Kent on the M20, for example, along the busiest networks to the Midlands, could be told in advance that a blockage on the M40 made the M1 a better bet for the trip; or warned that there were holdups on the M25, allowing drivers to decide which would be the best direction to drive round the circular motorway.

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Some carmakers are buildng in computerised routefinding devices that could work well with the new early warning system. Vauxhall already offers TrafficMaster as an option, while BMW and Ford are among the first to put route-finders in their cars.

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The carvings of Bishop Westwood and Canon Caddick will look down on the nave

Living gargoyles get court backing

BY ROBIN YOUNG

IT IS ecclesiastically acceptable to caricature living cler-

gymen as gargoyles, a church court decided yesterday. Judge Coningsby, QC, Chancellor of the diocese of Peterborough, released an 87page judgment vesterday settling a dispute that has riven the congregation of the 13thcentury church of St Peter's in Oundle, Northamptonshire.

The dispute centred on a plan proposed by the local" they should fall from gr schoolteacher to install two bin-high heads of the former Bishop of Peterborough, the and the recently retired vicar of the parish. Canon Lloyd Caddick, atop two 14ft pillars in the nave. Yesterday's judg-ment followed a seven-hour consistory court hearing held

in the church last month. Some parishioners claimed that it was wrong to commemorate living elergy in that way. Allegations of idolatry and papism flew, while other

objectors described the scheme as a scandal, a disgrace or a calumny. A secret ballot showed that

a third of the congregation opposed the scheme. Canon Caddick was criticised by some people as "too academic" and "too much a theologian, not enough a parish priest". One leading objector said: "It is entirely inappropriate. What would happen if

The judge ruled firmly against the objectors yesterday, concluding that there other reason against the plan. His report, however, criticises both sides for mishandling the argument to such an extent that a court hearing before a Crown Court judge

was required to resolve it. Graham Gent, 49, a leading objector, said that he accepted the ruling but still believed itwas not right to honour living people in a church.

Church asks for millions to save heritage

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England is seeking up to £50 million from historic buildings for the next

Parishioners are now paying an annual repair bill of £100 million, but they are also being asked to pay more than ever before towards clergy stipends. This means that the annual round of jumble sales, fêtes and coffee mornings is no

longer enough. Nearly 13,000 of the Church of England's buildings are listed as of special architectur-al or historical interest. attracting 30 million visitors a year. Forty per cent of grade-one listed buildings are ecclesiastical.

English Heritage is giving about £11 million a year in grants for repairs to parish churches and chapels, and £3.9 million to cathedrals. The Heritage Lottery Fund has also given nearly £10 million to historic places of worship. But in 1993, the VAT alone on repairs to listed churches and cathedrals was El6 million.

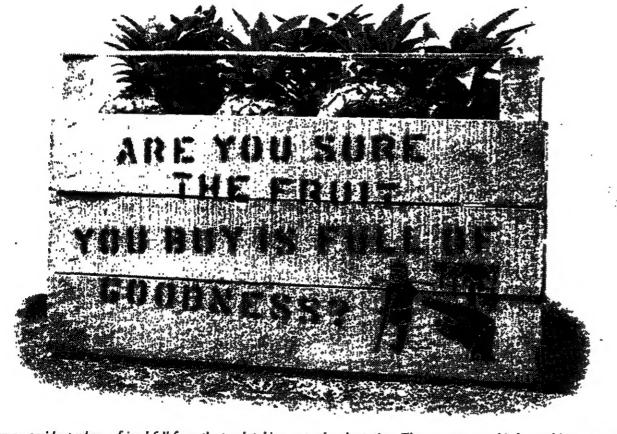
Yesterday a new report. Developing the partnership between Church and State over the ecclesiastical heri-tage, said that only the Government had the means to convert the nation's love of church buildings into material

One problem is that popula tions shifts in areas such as Suffolk have left some of England's finest churches in the hands of tiny rural com-munities. In central Manch-ester, large Victorian churches have been left unattended as people moved to the suburbs.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said: "The Church remains committed to its key role in caring for this heritage. Additional pub-lic funding is, however, essential if they are to continue to speak strongly of spiritual values to the nation in the next millennium."

The initiative was not born of crisis or desperation, he said. Many churches were now in better repair than ever. But, after a 25-year period when 470 new churches had opened, a disproportionate burden was falling on small congregations. Talks are to be held between officials of th Heritage Department and church officials led by Philip Mawer, secretary general of the General Synod.

Virginia Bottomley, Heritage Secretary, said: "The Government is committed to working with the Church to secure the preservation of England's ecclesiastical heritage for future generations. I believe more can be achieved."



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CHARLES ANSON, who has been the Queen's official spokesman during one of the. most troubled and momentous periods of her reign, is leaving his post as Buckingham Palace press secretary early next year to return to private industry

After more than six years, a longer stint than most of his predecessors, Mr Anson will exchange the courtly corridors of the Palace for the more prosaic world of Burger King and Smirnoff vodka as group corporate relations director of Grand Metropolitan, the food and drink giant.

The Queen's new press secretary is to be Geoffrey Crawford, 46, an Australian diplomat who joined the Palace press office in 1988 and who is currently Mr Anson's deputy. Mr Crawford has agreed with the Queen that he will do the job only until the year 2000, when he plans to return to Australia with his wife and three children.

Last November Mr Crawford, whose duties included looking after the Princess of Wales's public life after her separation, told her that he could no longer act for her after she gave her interview to



Charles Anson and his successor, Geoffrey Crawford

He is succeeded as deputy by Penny Russell-Smith, a government information officer who has been seconded to the Palace and who has been working there as an assistant press secretary. Miss Russell-Smith will remain there at least until 1998, looking after press relations for the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess

Mr Anson, 52, who is married with two teenage children, told the Queen when he accepted the hot seat in 1990 that he would do the job for only a limited period; he agreed his departure with her this summer. When he moved

Panorama without telling him to the Palace from his job as in advance. Kleinwort Benson merchant bank, Mr Anson little imagined the long spell of exceedingly stormy weather through which he would have to navigate the monarchy's public image. He was helped by his long experience as a diplomat,

including a spell in the Tehran

Embassy during the Iranian

revolution, and a stint in the

Downing Street press office.

It has been a tumultuous period in some ways, but it has also been a period of tremendous changes and many more positive events," Mr Anson said yesterday. turnult at the Palace in recent

subsequent divorce of both the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York. After a private briefing given by Mr Anson to correspondents on the separation of the Duke and Duchess of York, the BBC reported: "The knives are out for Fergie." An embarrassed Mr Anson offered his resignation to the Queen but it was immediately refused.

Press secretaries would much rather have nothing to do with family matters, and Mr Anson has had his share of weightier constitutional announcements, including major changes in the monarchy's financial arrangements, the Queen's decision to pay income tax and the opening of Buckingham Palace to the public. He has also masterminded media coverage of ground-breaking overseas tours by the Queen to Russia and South Africa.

Some previous press secre-taries, including Ronald Allison and the long-lasting Michael Shea, have returned to the private sector to make serious money, although at about £60,000 a year the press secretary's post offers comfortable recompense for dealing Nothing has caused more endlessly with the hungry



Penny Russell-Smith, who succeeds Geoffrey Crawford as deputy press secretary

Merchant banker to take charge of royal finances

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE new head of the Queen's household is to be Lord Camoys, a messman and Roman

The seventh Baron Camoys, 56, will take up his post as Lord in at the end of 1997 when the Earl of Airlie, 70, retires. The appointment is made by

no particular significance, as his duties are administrative rather than constitutional. Nor is it unusual for a businessman to take the post. Lord Airlie currently spends one day a week in his capacity as chairman of the Perth-based General Accident Fire & Life Assurance

Lord Chamberlain's religion is of

His business background is, in fact, more significant than his religion and is further proof that

ceased to be staffed entirely by high-fliers from the worlds of public service or the Armed Forces. The Queen's private secretary and press secretary both came from merchant hanks, and her Keeper of the Privy Purse is a former partner in one of the City's leading accountancy

Lord Camoys has a large business portfolio, and numbers among his appointments the non-executive deputy chairmanship of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, a leading merchant bank, and the deputy chairmanship of Sotheby's. The Palace said yesterday that it was too early to say whether Lord Camoys would maintain his business connections, but from January 1, 1998, his duties to the Queen would be his first

If the Queen is chairman of the royal "firm", the Lord Chamberlain is her managing director. Since his appointment in 1984, Lord Airlie has presided over a number of farRoyal Household is run and financed, including a thorough management review of Palace organisation in 1986; the Queen's decision to pay income tax: the ending of Civil List payments to most of her family, the opening of Buckingham Palace to the public, the appointment of a professional City accountant as director of finance and the subsequent running by the Palace of its own budget for building maintenance and royal travel.

Boy wins cash over drink that cost an eye

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

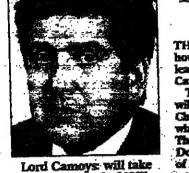
A BOY who was blinded in one eye by the top of a lemonade bottle was awarded damages estimated at £50,000 yesterday in the High Court.

John Pearce, then eight, was opening a two-litre bottle of Tesco's lemonade when the plastic cap flew off, blinding his left eye. His disability meant he would never realise his dream of joining the police,

the court was told. Through his parents, Robert and Rosemary, he began an action for damages against Tesco Stores, the drink suppliers Rank Hovis McDougall Foods and the bottle manufacturers United Closures and Plastics. They did not accept liability but damages were awarded by agreement, the court was told.

Paul Stewart, representing the boy, now aged 14, told Mr Justice Holland that John had experienced enormous pain and suffering after the acci-dent at home in Ansty, near Brighton. He had only recently been able to pursue his love of rugby and other school sports after an operation to

insert a false eye last year. The level of damages was kept secret as part of the settlement, but the judge, who said he considered the amount "very fair", had been told that the average level for loss of an eye was abound £27,000. "One hopes that life proceeds in such a way that he is able to fully compensate for his disability, as many people do," the judge told his parents. John, who is now a member of the Army cadet force, was not in court for today's hearing. His parents, who launched a campaign for better bottle safety after the accident, declined to comment as they left



Bats snuggle up in stately storeroom

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRISIDE CORRESPONDENT

been provided with a winter-home in the grounds of an ahandoned Gothic-style mansion at a cost of ER 000. The project, funded by English Nature, will provide secure hibernation quarters for some 95 greater horseshoe bats.

Roger Ransome, a worldauthority on the species. which is among the most endangered in Brazin, created the hiberraccian inside two brick tunnels in a hillside on the estate of Woodchester Park Mansion at Stroud, Gloucestershire. The transits were probably designed to store coal and wood.

Among the comforts installed for the bats is a small

A COLONY of rare bats has bester to provide a hotter area where they can go after return-ing from feeding forays. The lighter temperature aids their

Mr Ransome said: The lophus ferramequinum, is our second biggest native bat, with a wingspan of up to 18in. There are estimated to be no more than about 3,500 left in 14 breeding sites scattered across southwest Britain, a third of them in Devon."

The hat needs a mixture of deciduous woodland and grazing pasture to support its diet of moths and beetles. It also needs old buildings for sum-mer roosting and under-ground sites for hibernation.

Youth loses fingers in cap blast

A teenager has lost two fingers after igniting a block of explosive caps sold for toy guns. and blew out windows in a house at Haverhill, Suffolk. Jan Redpath, 17, also received minor facial and arm injuries. The two fingers of his left hand were recovered after the explosion but doctors at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge were unable to sew them back on. His friend was treated for a perforated

Patient killed

A psychiatric patient died after escaping from hospital and climbing into an electricity sub-station. The Queen Eliza-beth II Hospital in Birmingham has launched an inquiry into the death of Hugh Kirkwood, 31, who suffered 90 per cent burns. He was being treated at the hospital under the terms of a court order.

Officer cleared

A police officer who allegedly struck a Watford footballer and a fan when they ran on to the pinch at Bournemouth was cleared of assault by Wim-borne magistrates in Dorset. Acting Inspector John Green, 41, who was in charge of security, was said to have been taking reasonable action against a mass pitch invasion.

Elderly robbed

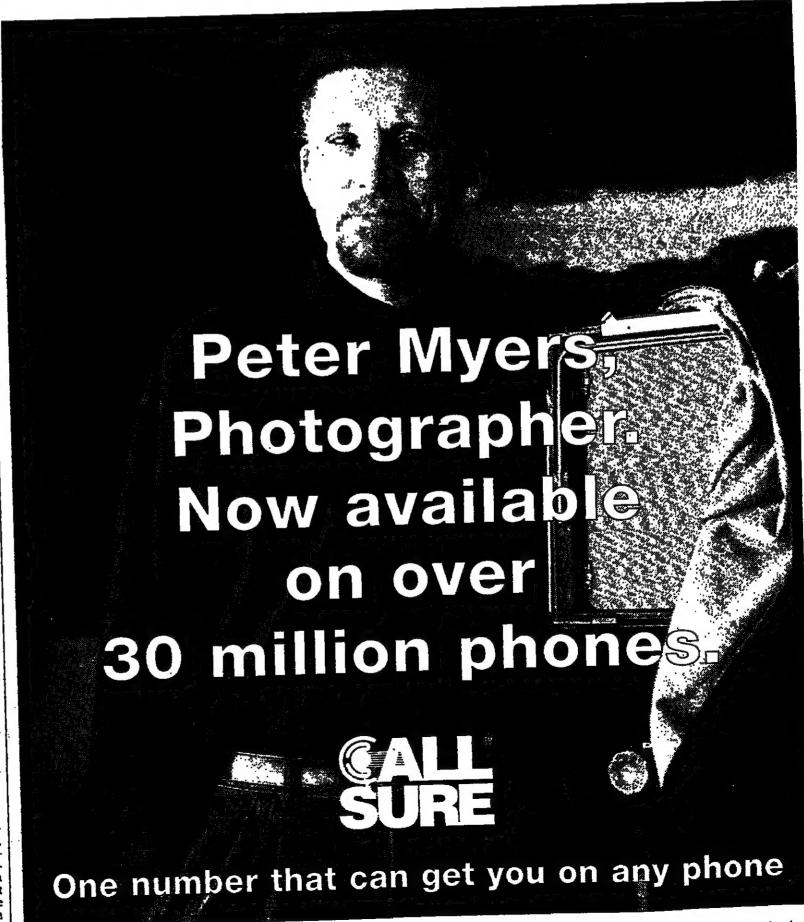
A couple in their 90s were threatened by two masked raiders who burst into their bedroom and demanded money. The man, 92, and his wife, 91, were not hurt but were badly shocked by the break in at their home in Handsworth, Birmingham. The intruders stole gold jewellery and £200.

Beethoven draft

An unrecorded sketchleaf for Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, containing drafts for the Sanchis and Benedictus, is expected to fetch up to £50,000 at a sale of musical manuscripts at Christie's on December 6. The Missa Solemnis took him nearly four years to complete and is regarded as one of his greatest achievements.

Cannabis alert

Eight students whose potsmoking set off a fire alarm at Lincoln College, Oxford, have been banned from the university for ten days. They admitted using the drug after staff noticed its aroma during a search of an evacuated building. The college said that the students had been disciplined



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Backbench Tories condemn 'panic' gun legislation

TORY backbenchers accused the Government last night of trying to rush through legislation for a ban on almost all handguns without proper

At the start of the Commons debate on the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, Nicholas Budgen (C. Wolverhampton SW) protested that a guillotine motion, agreed by the Government and the Opposition, would curtail debate and limit MPs' ability to influence the

This is the worst sort of guillotine because it is an agreed guillotine," he said. "It is an occasion when the House together as some form of lynch mob taking away the rights of a significant and honourable minority without proper

The procedure reduced the sovereignty of Parliament, he said. "Our most important duty is our need to give this legislation the careful scrutiny that it certainly demands."

He said that 96 per cent of crimes involving firearms were committed with illegal firearms. As such the Bill was aimed at only the 4 per cent of crimes committed with legally held handguns.

The House was entitled to say to the parents of children killed in the Dunblane massacre: "We understand your feelings, we share your grief but we do just wonder whether the solution that you put forward is in fact going to have the effect that you so

Mr Budgen said that MPs knew this to be the case but were afraid of telling the Dunblane parents, Instead, MPs were going to give gunowners and others affected by the Bill compensation that could be as much as £500

Earlier a new money resolution allowing MPs to discuss compensation for the gun clubs, retailers and wholesalers that lose trade as a result of a vote. Although the Government is opposed to such compensation, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, acknowledged that MPs should have the chance to debate the

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, supported the guillotine motion but attacked the Government's use of a three-line whip to order that excluded .22 calibre handguns. He said the Government knew that a clear majority of MPs would be in favour of a ban on all handguns if there was a free vote. So by insisting on a whipped vote, the Government display remarkably little confidence in their own arguments."

ton Super Mare) said that. whatever view one had of the Bill, it was not right to take away people's money, investments and livelihoods without fair compensation. "Generous compensation will help to allay the deep feeling of injus-





Wiggin: demand for

tice that law-abiding people who enjoy shooting feel at having their sport prohibited

Sir Jerry, a former Tory minister and former chairman of the British Shooting Sports Council, also attacked the use of a guillotine motion. He told ministers: "Don't try that trick again. These things are better done with consultation and by

Gerry Birmingham (Lab. St Helens SI accepted the handgun ban but called for greater compensation for gun clubs and gun owners. Com-pensation should not just cover the guns and accessories outlawed by the Bill, but also property and other financial losses incurred as a result of the legislation.

Sir Patrick Cormack (C Staffordshire South), said there was considerable unease on the Tory benches over the tone and content of the Bill. Law-abiding citizens would be unfairly penalised. Panic legislation is rarely good legisla-tion. I do not believe that this legislation is going to enhance the reputation of Parliament. Nor do I believe it's serving the interests of our country."

Tony Marlow (C, North-

ampton N) said that although he had the greatest of sympathy for parents whose children died at Dunblane this legislation was not the answer. "It is not going to stop a Hamilton in the future. A potential Thomas Hamilton will continue to acquire weapons: the difference is that in future he will acquire them illegally and without the knowledge of, or notice to, the authorities.

This is rushed legislation and if you rush legislation you are in grave danger of introducing mistaken legislation. This is mistaken legislation."

Sir Terence Higgins (C, Worthing), President of the Worthing and West Sussex Shooting Club, said the Government's proposals were un-likely to have "any significant impact" in reducing the probability of another Dunblane massacre, but could be counterproductive in driving gun



including a plaque to the veteran broadcaster Charlie Chester, 82, in recognition of his fight to regain his speech and mobility. Last month Mr Blair told the Labour Party conference how his life had been profoundly affected by his father's stroke

Utilities can afford to pay windfall tax, says Labour

By ANDREW PIERCE

GORDON BROWN will today underline Labour's commitment to a one-off windfall tax on the privatised utilities in the face of a renewed Tory

In a speech to the London Futures Exchange, the Shad-ow Chancellor will insist that a Labour government would raise income from the utilities to pay for a programme to help young people and the long-term unemployed to get back to work. The party says that the utilities can afford to pay the tax.

Mr Brown's speech will come 24 hours after the Tories produced figures which they said showed that the windfall

ers more than £200 in higher telephone, water, gas and electricity charges. Brian Mawhinney, the

Tory party chairman, told a press conference at Conservative Central Office yesterday that average households in England and Wales could face an increase of E192 in their bills — more in some regions — if the entire cost of the estimated £5 billion levy was passed on to consumers.

Dr Mawhinney, accused of lying by Labour, acknowledged that the figures might not be correct. But he urged Mr Brown to say what the true amounts were. "I have a simple challenge for Labour. If they don't agree with our calculations, they should tell us what their figures are."

recent leaked report by the bankers SG Warburg, which concluded that the utilities could comfortably afford the levy. Alan Milburn, a Labour Treasury spokesman, said: "The spate of attempted foreign takeovers of regional surest sign that the windfall levy has already been taken

into account and that the utilities can afford to pay." In his speech. Mr Brown will reiterate that the tax will be levied only once. He will contrast Labour's policy with the first Thatcher government, which levied a surprise windfall tax on the profits of the banks. "There was no warning in advance. Labour will make it absolutely clear

Brown has bowed to the inevitable on single currency

rency in the first wave. The chances are perhaps only most even if Labour has a comfortable working majority. But that is more than the chances under a reelected Tory government. These odds have not really been altered by the weekend announcement that Labour would enter during the next Parliament only after a

The main reaction, however, has been that it makes early entry less likely. But that confuses the immediate political mood with a possibly different position after the election. Gordon Brown had certainly opposed a referendum, arguing that a favourable reference in Labour's election manifesto to the principle of monetary evidence of public support. This view has not even been shared by strong pro-Euro-peans in the Shadow Cabinet, including Tony Blair.

They believe that given the commitment of other parties to a referendum, and the strength of public feeling on the issue, it would have been impossible for Labour to go ahead without consulting people directly. In that respect, Mr Brown was only bowing to the inevitable, as Kenneth Clarke did six months ago. That counted more than the justification offered by the Brown camp that a referendum is necestures of a single currency will still be unclear at the time of the election, preventing a full debate

Given that a referendum was always likely, the announcement does not really make much difference. Holding a ballot would take time and create uncertainty in the markets, but so would the necessary legislation on entry. But any Government recommending entry would have to win the public debate. A referendum is not in itself art insuperable hurdle, though, unlike 1975, most of the national press would be strongly against entry, and the polls suggest that a substantial hard core minorON POLITICS

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ity would be hostile under any circumstances.

The announcement has Friday, Mr Blair does have doubts, both about whether economic conditions across Europe would allow monetary union to succeed and about specific British difficulties, including the state of public opinion. The more sceptical Robin Cook has warned that Britain might not be in the first wave. referendum announcement, are partly to prevent the Tories trying to fight the election over a single currency. The leaderships of both main parties are currently protect their flanks. But, as Mr Brown has

pointed out, nothing of sub-stance has changed. Labour remains in favour of moneall options remain open. After an election, Mr Blair would be in a much stronger position. The economic decision would turn less on nebulous talk about real convergence of growth and Britain is well placed, than on financial criteria such as levels of public borrowing and national debt. Labour will be keeping a close eye on the Maastricht criteria.

The key political factors for Mr Blair would be the size of his Commons majority, the extent of disarray on the Tory benches after a defeat and the pressures of the rest of his economic and constitutional agenda. Would he feel strong enough to take on a probably ferocious hattle over a single currency at the same time as trying to make a success of the first Labour government for two decades? That is why early entry remains unlikely. But it is not impossible. In a year's time, monetary union could be the central issue of

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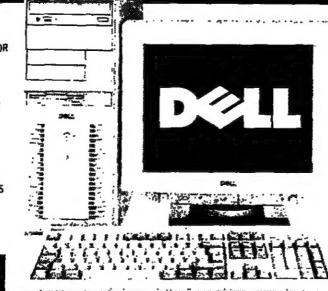
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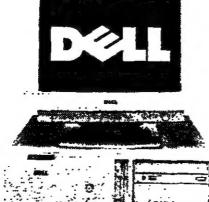
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House where Clinton was Clinton was born caught in cash row

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE Democratic Party has dismissed John Huang, the fundraiser who embroiled President Clinton's election campaign in weeks of contro-Lyversy about suspect Asian contributions.

Attention is also focusing on Mark Middleton, a former White House aide, who has been raising funds in Asia to refurbish the house in Hope, Arkansas, where Mr Clinton was born. Mr Middleton, believed to have raised \$50,000 (£30,000) from a Hong Kong billionaire for the project, de-nies that he sought to raise overseas money for the party itself in breach of federal laws.

The most expensive presi-dential election in US history has left Democrats and Republicans battling against allegations of improper fund-raising. National fund-raising laws aim to prevent foreign interests influencing the out-come of elections. The Democratic National Committee says Mr Huang's dismissal at the weekend was unrelated to the row and was part of normal post-election "down-sizing", in which around 50 posts have been cut. However, Democrats have found it hard to shake off allegations, which surfaced in the closing weeks of the campaign, that Mr Huang broke the rules.

The party has now returned nearly a quarter of the \$2.5 million raised by Mr Huang. who became the party's vicechairman of finance a year ago, fucusing on Asian com-munities. These include dona-tions from a South Korean company, which breached the ban on overseas funds, and \$325,000 from a Californian businessman who claimed in court he had no American

assets, raising questions about the true source of the money.

The party also announced yesterday that it would now return \$5,000 Mr Huang raised from a rally in a Buddhist temple in April. It said that it could not be sure that the woman who gave the money was a legal resident of the United States.

The Justice Department is considering a request by senior Republicans to appoint an independent counsel to investigate Mr Huang's fundraising, and 11 congressional committees have begun inquiries into his activities At the same time, Republi-

cans are raising questions about Asian funds raised by the Clinton Birthplace Foundation, which plans to turn the two-storey house, where Mr Clinton lived for the first four years of his life, into a tourist attraction. Mr Middleton, a former White House aide, is believed to have raised \$50,000 in April from Nina Wang, the Hong Kong billion-aire. The foundation, set up three years ago as a charity, is believed to have raised between \$600,000 and \$700,000. There is no ban on the money, but Republicans are questioning whether Mr Middicton sought to obtain Asian money for the Democratic

Party at the same time. Mr Middleton has denied the allegations. However, last week, the White House suspended his access after allegations that he improperly used its restaurant to entertain ctients. - A .- White House spokesman added that Mr Clinton supported the project but was unaware of the



A fighter of the Islamic Taleban militia fires an artillery shell towards positions held by soldiers loyal to the former Afghan Government.

Long-range artillery and tank duels between the two sides are now an everyday feature of the war north of the capital, Kabul

US veto confirms exit of Boutros Ghali

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

YEARS of acrimony in relations be-tween America and the United Nations culminated yesterday with Washington denying Boutros Boutros Ghali a second term as the world body's Secretary-General.

The 15-nation Security Council began the formal selection of the next chief with the US representative insisting that Dr Boutros Ghali step down at the end of his five-year term on December 31. "We respect Boutros Ghali, but the UN needs new leader-ship for the 21st century." Madeleine Albright, the American Ambassador, said. Dr Boutros Ghali has an aristocratic, some would say autocratic, style of leadership that put him in conflict

with the combative Ms Albright. The first UN chief to enter office after the Cold War, Dr Boutros Ghali never won the confidence of the world's sole remaining superpower as the organisation struggled with new challeng

When he took up his post in 1992, the UN was flush from victory in the Gulf War and seemed on the brink of a golden age in which the organisation might finally fulfil its goal of providing collective security. The new Climon Administration proclaimed a policy of "assertive multilateralism" with the UN as its centrepiece.

Relations quickly soured when 18 US soldiers serving beside UN peacekeepers in Somalia were killed in a firelight that most Americans did not understand. The tensions were exacerbated by Dr Boutros Ghali's persistent

refusal to sanction more robust military action against the Bosnian Serbs. Washington retreated into a more isolationist stance, now mockingly referred to by some diplomats as

assertive unilateralism". UN peacekeepers were withdrawn from Somalia and the whole peacekeeping mission in the Balkans transferred to a Nato-led force. American troops continued, however, to serve under the UN flag in successful missions in Halti and Macedonia. where US national interests were considered to be at stake.

The official reason for the American opposition to Dr Boutros Ghali is his lack of enthusiasm for UN reform. Washington officials say that a new secretary-general is essential if the Clinton Administration is to persuade

the Republican-controlled Congress to pay Washington's \$1.4 billion (£903 million) in UN arrears.

But the UN reform effort is already in the hands of an American accountant and the organisation has recently announced its first no-growth budget and more than 1,000 job cuts.

With Dr Boutros Ghali out of the running, the Security Council plans to consider only other Africans for the post on the theory that Africa deserves a second term. Among those in contention are Koli Annan, the Ghanaian head of UN peacekeeping; Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity: Hamid Algabid, the head of the Islamic Conference; Amara Essy, the Foreign Minister of Ivory Coast; and possibly President Diouf of Senegal.

WORLD SUMMARY

Canadian judge has terror link

New York: Paul Begin, Que bec's Justice Minister has asked for an investigation into how a former convict once involved with Canadian termrism has been appointed a

judge (Quentin Letts writes). Richard Therrien, 46. who has been appointed to Que-bec's criminal court, helped a member of the hardline Front de libération du Quebec to evade police after the group's fatal 1970 kidnapping of a cabinet minister. Pierre Laporte. Mr Laporte's dead body was found in a car boot.

France launches sex symbols

Paris: French television chan-nels launched a system of on-screen symbols to inform viewers of the level of sex and violence in programmes and alert parents to those considered unsuitable for children (Ben Macintyre writes). All French television programmes on the national networks will fall into one of four categories: parental consent advised; not recommended for under-12s; viewers over 16 only; and suitable for all.

Dagestan flats toll rises to 50

Moscow: Rescuers pulled more bodies from the wreckage of ablock of flats that housed Russian officers and their families in Kaspiysk. Dagestan, bringing the death toli from the weekend explosion to 50. One or more bombs may have been planted in the basement, officials said, and police detained a suspect. Rescuers vowed to keep digging after a dog was found alive in the debris. (AP)

Burma tourism drive opposed

Brussels: A campaign aimed at countering a promotional drive by Burma's military. Government to attract Euro-pean tourists was launched here by Members of the European Parliament and trade unionists. Led by Glenys Kinnock, they staged a protest outside the offices of the French holiday group Club Med, which has promoted holidays in Burma. (AFP)

Party splits over colony's council

Hong Kong: A pro-democracy party that plays a key role in the colony's Legislative Council split after it decided to join the interim legislature that will replace the council next year. Sixteen members of the Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood resigned when party leaders decided to let members join the provisional body. (Reuter)

Poison platter

Brisbane: More than 500 tourists caught salmonella by eating a chocolate sauce served on a Qantas flight to Japan from the city of Cairns, Queensland health authorities

President travels fair way for a round with Greg Norman

PROM TOM REPORTS IN WASHINGTON

WHILE he may indulge in traditional American diplomacy and find time to praise the environmental wonder of the Great Barrier Reel, Presidest Cliston has made little secret about the true excit-ment of his Australian visit. which starts today.

What did he most want to do on arrival? Play golf with Greg Norman, came the answer before Mr Clinton boarded Air Force One yesterday for his first tour of the

Despite feigning surprise that Mr Norman should wish to join him on the links. Mr Clinton had in fact been planning a game with the mighty golfer for some time. During the election campaign whenever his staff mentioned an overwhelming lead in the polls. Mr Clinton would remind them of the at the hands of Nick Faldo in the US Masters this year. It is clear that the prospect of a round with Norman helped to keep Mr Clinton focused during his brief holiday in Hawazi. Although the courses were waterlogged and others left before the arrival of the driving rain, he forced Benjamin Cayetano, the Governor of Hawaii, and Admiral Joseph Prueher, of the Pacific US Command, to join him at the Luana Hills Country Club

Described by an onlooker as "aqua golf", the game reflected the President's nearobsession for a sport now synonymous in America with the buby-boomer generation.

The only President to have

on Oahu.

reduced his handicap while in office, from 16 to 13, Mr Clinton has been known to practise for hours on the rebuilt Eisenhower putting green at the White House. Earlier this year in San Diego, he claimed to have achieved a lifelong goal of

breaking 80. "Even a blind pig finds an acom some-times," said the President

Unfortunately, even in golf, the Clinton name remains parnished. Many believe his handicap and his best score say as much about the US chief executive as any Whitewater investigation could. Although Presidents as far back as William Taft bave been avid golfers, Mr Clinton and Richard Nixon are the only two to have boasted that they had broken 80.

"He speaks a good game," said one Clinton golfing partner recently. "But you can't

count the score as real." In August 1993, for example, Mr Clinton played two rounds with Gerald Ford, the former President, and Jack Nicklaus, the American golfing legend. The President said that he had at least twice out-driven Mr Nicklaus, a feat even the professional golfer found hard to confirm.



Senior CIA officer 'spied for Russia' By Bronwen MADDOX

A VETERAN CIA officer has been arrested and charged with passing secrets to the Russians since 1994 in return for more than \$100,000 (£60,000), the FBI said vesterdav

Harold Nicholson, 46, who appeared in court in Virginia. was arrested on Saturday at **Dulles International Airport** outside Washington as he prepared to leave on a foreign rip. The FBI and CIA, which had become increasingly suspicious of his activities in the past few months, claim they saw him photographing topsecret CIA documents on Russia last Tuesday.

The FBI said that it had been conducting electronic and video surveillance of Mr Nicholson for some time, and had searched his home in a Washington suburb, as well as his computer files. Large deposits of money and "luxury spending" alerted the bureau. Mr Nicholson could face

life in prison without parole or even the death penalty, according to a federal prosecutor. He has been charged with passing secrets to the Russians since June 1994 but officials fear the disclosures could have occurred since the early 1990s. In the past few months, as

suspicions grew, Mr Nicholson was reassigned to the CLA's counter-terrorism unit to limit his access to sensitive material. Previously he was a spy instructor, training other CIA agents outside America. The case is the second arrest in three years of a senior CIA

employee on charges of spying for Russia. However, officials said last night that the latest case appeared to have no links to that of Aldrich Ames, who spied for the KGB and Russian intelligence for nine years until his arrest in February

Ames, who is serving a life sentence, is blamed for the deaths of nine US agents.



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Fleeing Hutu fighters plan Rwanda invasion

gees who managed to sneak past east Zaire's rebels are heading deeper into the interior of the country to fulfil a military plan to establish a 'safe and sure base" for a future invasion of Rwanda.

Local Zaireans said in Sake. 25 miles west of Goma, that "perhaps 120.000 refugees have run to Masisi". Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said he had had similar reports and that "hundreds of thousands of refugees have gone

Masisi was "cleansed" of Tutsis by the Interahamwe. the extremist Hutu militia. earlier this year in preparation for an outright takeover of the fertile area as a Hutu homeland and as a rearechelon base for military operations against Rwanda. Interahamwe and their families headed towards Masisi," said Zairean peasants looring goods abandoned

by the refugees. The chances of Masisi being



Sam Kilev in Gisenvi says the intervention force is likely to meet resistance from tribal warriors in east Zaire

given the extent of their defeat by the Rwandan-backed east Zaire rebels. But. if a multinational force, including British troops, is sent to intervene in eastern Zaire with orders to find the 600,000 missing refugees, they are likely to meet resistance in Masisi. The Internhamwe who fled there with their families have vowed only to go back to Rwanda to overthrow "Tutsi rule".



yesterday, hundreds of thousands of Hutu refugees walking home after two years in exile formed a column stretching 50 miles. About 400,000 refugees crussed into Rwanda between Friday and yesterday. The UNHCR sent lorries to pick up stragglers, mainly abandoned children and the old or infirm. The human tidal wave that

On the Goma to Kigali road

flooded into Rwanda at the weekend fanned out as the refugees took to hillside paths in search of their homes. In Nyondo, Josephina arrived to find her home intact, and empty. Her neighbours, a Tutsi family of which five out of eight died in the genocide. were putting the finishing touches to a home that had been destroyed after the mass

vor of the genocide, hugging

Josephina had also suffered as a result of the civil war and genocide in 1994. Her flight from Rwanda to Zaire in fear of retribution cost her husband his life. He died of cholera in Goma along with

A mutual bond of sorrow

seemed to grow between the

two women, who could not yet talk too openly about the last two years of genocide and exile. "We just want to get on with our lives," Elizabeth said. Josie, you've been busy, what's your new baby called?" she said. For the time being scenes of reconciliation will be

may never heal. The aim of the Rwandan Government is to get all the refugees home, then start sorting out the killers. This may take months but, as denunciations begin, many Hutus, especially the guilty, may regret ever going home.

they hide deep wounds that

Spy plotted to free genocide suspects

BY SAM KILEY

RWANDA's Hutu extremist exiles had plans to launch an armed mission to rescue three men accused of genocide from a United Nations prison in

According to files abandoned by the former Rwandan Army's head of intelligence, an agent had carried out a reconnaissance of the Arusha International Conference Centre, where the genocide trials are taking place, and the jail where the prisoners are held.

His report includes plans of Arusha. the prison and the conference centre. It was dated August 29, a few weeks before the trials of the first three alleged mass

guarded by the UN from within. Armed Tanzanian soldiers stand guard outside. "They have shown an ability to be readily corrupted," the agent, who signed his report "Jos", said.

The report dwelt on who might be ecruited as agents for the Hutu cause. Two people are singled out as especially friendly. A local businessman who occupies an office two floors below the courtroom, and a local businesswoman with close relationships with leading Tanzanian politicians. Both the report said, were of Rwandan Hutu extraction.

"The building is only guarded around the tribunal offices. Elsewhere people come and go freely," the report said. Other potentially friendly infiltrators included a Masai spiritualist who had

access to the prisoners being held in Arusha in conditions, the agent said, that "resembled a four-star hotel". Agent Jos's report suggested further reconnaissance as a prelude to a rescue attempt".

Other documents recovered from a bus, which was used as a mobile military archive and abandoned by the exiled Hutu army in an ambush by eastern Zaire's rebels, also reveal advanced plans for a reinvasion of Rwanda.

The Hutu exiles had hoped to carry out Operation Liberate Rwanda after going on an arms-buying spree. The former Rwandan Army had aiready been supplied with arms by a British-based company. Mil-Tec Corporation, which had addresses in the Isle of Man and



An elderly Hutu refugee begs for a lift along the road to the Rwandan border

inquiry to study 'streak of light' FROM QUENTIN LETTS

Crash jet.

THE FBI will debrief two airline pilots who saw an unexplained streak of light last weekend over Long Is-land, the site of July's TWA Flight 800 crash

The night-time sightings, which will fuel the many conspiracy theories, were re-ported by a Pakistan International Airlines plane and by a TWA jetliner following it. It is possible that what they saw was nothing more than a meteor, but with July's crash still unexplained, and prey to theories of attack by a ground-to-air missile, the FBI said it

would make inquiries.

The pilots of both aircraft reported what they had seen to air traffic control at about 10pm on Saturday. The two planes were about 45 miles east of New York, heading northeast and climbing at about 16,000ft. When TWA Flight 800 exploded shortly before 9pm on July 17, killing all 230 people aboard, it was over the same area at 13,400ft. The pilot of the TWA plane on Saturday asked for permis-

sion to turn around, but was instead given a different flight path. The flight path which the Pakistani plane was using was then closed. There was a meteor shower on Saturday but it did not reach its maximum until later that night. Earlier this month, Pierre Salinger, the former White House press secretary, made a

highly publicised claim that the TWA crash was caused accidentally by an American armed forces missile.

Mr Salinger's claim was immediately denied by FBI investigators, and was found to be based on a document which has been available on the Internet. Mr Salinger, who claims to have photographic evidence of a streak of light in the skies on the night of July's disaster, is sticking to his

theory.

I Washington: The chilling transcript of the cockpit voice recorder of Valuet Flight 592. which crashed in the Florida Everglades in May, killing 110 people, has been released. revealing "how passengers struggled in vain to use oxygen equipment before fire

Maddox writes). The last-recorded voice on the eight-minute tape, against a background of screaming from passengers, is a crew member telling the control airport available."

The transcript has been released at the start of a weeklong hearing into the Valujet disaster, which is being held in Miami by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Hospital monitors 200 people for lethal Ebola virus should not be allowed," one doctor said. "This Gabonese



A nurse treating Marilyn Lahana hands over a sample

AND INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

MORE than 200 people are in hospital in Johannesburg after they came into contact with Marilyn Lahana, a South African nurse who is ill with the deadly Fhola virus, or with the Gabonese doctor from whom she apparently conall being watched for symptoms of the condition.

According to staff at the Johannesburg General Hospital. Mrs Lahana. 46, remains stable but critical after her kidneys failed. Great alarm has been expressed at claims that in the week before she was diagnosed as having Ebola, both Mrs Lahana and

the medical staff treating her donated blood. Mrs Lahana's husband. Cyril, denied that his wife had ever given blood.

An Ebola helpline has been set up, and President Mandela yesterday urged South Africans not to panic. There is no known cure for the virus, which is extremely infectious. It is transmitted by body fluids, animal carriers and perhaps also through water.

Confusion persists over many aspects of the case, the first time the virus has escaped from its normal rural milieu to a densely inhabited modern city. Originally the hospital said the first carrier was a Zairean and that he had died of unspecified causes. Now the carrier has been revealed as a Gabonese doc-

tor, who had contracted Ebola but had recovered sufficiently to have become an out-patient. This in itself is a remarkable admission, given that he is still a potential carrier of the virus. Semen can carry the virus for up to seven weeks after a patient has apparently

Some doctors concerned with the case have expressed alarm over inadequate safety blood donations by Mrs Lahana and her associates, but the hospital has issued no comment. What is clear is that doctors and nurses here are furious and frightened by the continuing influx of often mortally ill patients to Johannesburg's private hospitals from other parts of Africa. "It just

doctor left Gabon right in the middle of an Ebola outbreak people infected with it. He must have known, or at least People like this come here because of our high standards of medical care, but the fact is

the doctors and nurses who major epidemic." The doctor added: "It's quite clear that Mrs Lahana got the virus from him. Even if we managed to get away without an epidemic this time, how long can it be before we don't

that he could have infected all

get away with it?"

Such fears are clearly felt by many South Africans, although the medical authorities are doing all they can to head off a possible panic and to insist that tourists are at little risk. Given that the virus's incubation period is up to 21 days, however, it will be a

long, tense wait for the 200 people under observation and

Egypt warns of terrorism

Swanepoel, the senior doctor

in charge of the case, who declared: "The world and

South Africa have been given

a wake-up call." He empha-

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Zambia electors rebuff Kaunda

FROM JAN RAATH

AN ATTEMPT by Kenneth Kaunda, the former President. to discredit Zambia's elections with a boycott appeared to have flopped yesterday when voters turned up in convincing numbers at polling stations.

The Election Directorate announced last night that voting would continue until people in queues outside polling stutions had east their ballots, after a late start and morning rain kept voters away.

But shortly before sunset in Lusaka, the capital, election officers were reporting that at least half the registered voters in their constituencies had participated. Roger Sikazwe, the directorate chairman, said that voting in the populous Copperhelt province had been very good",

Dr Kaunda called for a boycott in an attempt to show that President Chiluba had no mandare to govern after he barred the former leader from contesting the poll.

Paris: Heavily-armed French

troops and tanks patrolled the

streets of Bangui yesterday

after the Central African Re-

public was convulsed by its

third army mutiny in eight months (Ben Macintyre

France's 1,300 troops stationed in Bangui quickly took up strategic positions in the

staged a mutiny over the

Mutiny rocks Bangui

surge if Hebron deal fails FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JEHUSALEM

PRESIDENT MUBARAK of

Egypt issued a warning yes-terday that the Middle East could soon face a surge of "uncontrollable terrorism" unless Israel honours an accord made by the defeated Labour Government to pull back its troops from most of Hebron, the last occupied city in the West Bank.

"My principal fear is not war but terrorism," the pro-Western leader of Egypt said. That is our fear. Uncontrollable terrorism. It would hit not only Israel but all neighbouring countries. Moderate Arab leaders who are working for peace will have enormous difficulty continuing down that road unless the other side responds to the desire for

The warning, the most serious he has given since the right-wing Government of Binyamin Netanyahu came to power in Israel in May, coincided with the announcement that Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister, had approved a huge expansion of the Jewish settlement of Em-

weekend and seized two hos-

tages, including the general

secretary of the ruling party.

The mutineers, believed to

number 200 soldiers, rebelled

over unpaid wages and efforts by President Patasse to rein in army power in the country, which declared independence

The rebels yesterday de-

from France in 1960.



Mubarak: Israel must honour earlier accord

manuel in the occupied West

The plans, which are certain to be criticised by British officials during Mr Mordechai's visit to London his week, include the building of 1,200 homes to add to the 700 in the settlement near the Palestinian city of Nablus. They also involve the addition of a country club, a senior citizens' home, a field school and a study centre for ultra-

Leaders of Peace Now, the left-wing Israeli pressure group, delivered a warning that the expansion scheme, condemned by the Palestinian Authority as a return to the atmosphere of war, could sabatmosphere of war, could savotage the fragile peace talks. The Government is playing with fire," said Mossi Raz, secretary-general of Peace

The Egyptian leader's grim prediction came as the sixweek long negotiations on Hebron, instigated by President Clinton's emergency Washington summit remained deadlocked over the extent to which evacuated Israeli troops would be able to to Palestinian-controlled areas in pursuit of Arab terrorists.

The two sides, which again failed to bridge differences during talks in the autonomous Palestinian town of Jericho on Sunday, are also divided over whether Palestinians will be given access to the "Martyrs' Road". This is the tense throughfare that runs through the heart of Hebron, connecting Jewish settlements with the Cave of the Patriarchs, a site that is regarded as holy by both Muslims and



OVERSEAS NEWS 13

Germans swept up in economic sea change with Telekom share flotation

FROM ROGER BOYES.

GERMANS yesterday cracked open their bulging piggy banks and ransacked their savings books to buy about £8 billion worth of shares in Europe's largest ever public offer. The flotation of Deutsche Telekom, accompanied

by some very un-German razzamatazz, marks a sea change in the country's conservative economic culture.

There have been other signs of a shake-up in Germany. New open-

ing hours allow customers to shop until 8pm on weekdays; bakers are no longer forbidden from offering fresh bread on a Sunday. Sharebolders are demanding and receiving more attention from traditionally tight-fisted and tight-lipped

executive boards. Trade unions are coming to terms with welfare reforms that reduce paid sick leave and paid-up spa holidays. Social Democratic critics call it the "Americanisation" of Germany. In fact, it is simply that Germans are recognising the

flexibility in their everyday life. However, the launch of the Telekom shares was worthy of a Barnum and Bailey circus. The staid German telecommunications group stopped short of hiring cheerleaders and a brass band, but employees were magenta-coloured hats and laid out huge pink building blocks in the square nutside the Frankfurt stock

A large television screen featured a Times Square-style clock which ticked off the hours and

stock market. A popular gravelly voiced actor, Manfred Krug, has starred in a long run of Telekom advertisements reassuring Germans that they will not get their fingers burnt if they play the market. His last televised advice, nonetheless, was to hang on to the shares for a while and "let them mature like a good red wine".

The aim is to create an Aktienkultur - a share culture in a Germany that still uneasily remembers the collapse of the inter-war Weimar Republic, which fell victim to hyper-inflation and

political extremism. The grandfa-ther of Helmut Kohl, the Chancelfor, for example, invested in war bonds and lost his savings after the First World War.

Since those stormy times Germans have favoured gold, proper-ty and fat savings books. This has had an impact on the country's ability to innovate. Few Germans. and indeed few banks, are willing to put up risk capital for cuttingedge companies. The result has been that Germany's 19th-century tradition of commercially useful invention has been eroded and the

country lags a long way behind United States and Japan in terms of registered patents. Telekom, however, is presenting

itself as a safe gamble. Commerzbank has even laupched a "Safe-T" share allowing Germans to invest in Telekom while minimising their risks. Two-thirds of the six hundred million shares in yesterday's issue were allocated to German investors and the issue was oversubscribed. The shares, listed at DM28.50 (£)1.35) were being traded at more than DM33. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minis-

financial centre". The fact is, however, that Frankfurt is a very underdeveloped financial site with barely 700 domestic firms publicly traded. Telekom, however, believes its heavily publicised launch will change the psychology of Germans. "In the 1990s Germans no longer want to be the big wet blanket of the stock market," claimed Ron Sommer, Telekom's

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Demise of Mars probe blamed on latch failure

By Thomas de Waal in moscow and Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE Russian Mars 96 space probe, which plunged into the Pacific Ocean early yesterday at a cost of £180 million, might have been saved by better worldwide observation.

Dr Howard Shaw, of the University of Kent, who designed and built two instruments for the ill-fated mission, said yesterday that everything had worked except a simple latch designed to disconnect the spacecraft from the final rocket motor.

"The Russians no longer have worldwide telemetry," he said. They lose sight of their satellites once they disappear over the horizon. Twenty years ago they had a fleet of ships dispersed around the world to keep track of them, but shortage of money forced them to abandon that."

The reason why better telemetry might have saved Mars-96 was that everything had gone well, and the fourthstage rocket had put the satellite on to an interplane tary orbit. It was actually en route for Mars, Dr Shaw said, and checks had shown everything on the satellite was

The final step was to separate the fourth-stage booster and the spacecraft, and then fire retro-rockets to bring the booster back to Earth to burn up, allowing the spacecraft to sail on alone on its ten-month journey. What the Russians did not know, because the probe was out of their sight, was that it had failed to separate from the rocket.

When the retro-rockets were fired, therefore, the whole assembly was brought back out of interplanetary orbit and into a low Earth orbit from which it quickly decayed and

"If they had known what was going on, they could have allowed the spacecraft and the

6 Maybe it was not greased properly. The Russians ... got so close. It's a great shame 9

booster to go on to Mars, and worked out how to separate them later," Dr Shaw said. The failure, he believed, was in a simple mechanism consisting of four latches and a spring which linked Mars-96 to the booster. "It's a mun-dame, basic little thing," he said. "Maybe it was not greased properly. They did so much and got so close. It's a great shame and disappointment." The loss of the mission cost the Russians £73 million,

and other nations which had contributed experiments a forther £108 million, the Russian Space Agency said.

Germany had experiments costing £24 million on board; and had also given £12 million to enable the Russians to pay their staff. American faces were also

red yesterday, after confident predictions that the spacecraft was due to crash in Australia turned out to be wide of the mark. Predicting the precise point of impact of satellites decaying out of orbit is difficult, because the density of the atmosphere varies greatly from place to place.

The failure of Mars 96 is a evere and perhaps mortal blow to Russia's immanned space programme. It was already two years behind schedule, and no further missions are planned. "Mars-96 was really the final effort," said Dr Shaw. "They will have a lot of trouble convincing politicians to spend any more.

However, writing off Moscow's programme may be premature, said James Keravals, head of the London office of Commercial Space Technologies, a company that arranges launches on Russian rockets. "They won't give up. Space travel is part of their philosophy, it's really in their hearts. It's one of the things that reminds them how good they are."

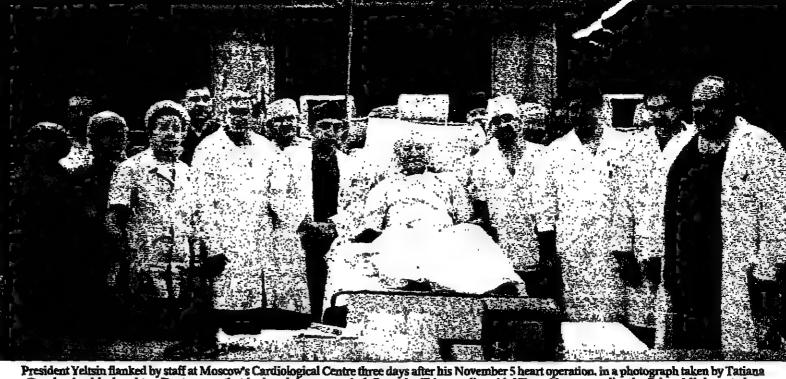
try's security services.

The victory of Professor

Europe - the Centre Left recorded big losses in local elections in the Czech Republic on Saturday, the Lithuanians have returned a centre-right Government to power and the Bulgarians earlier this month elected a conservative lawyer, Petar Stoyanov, as President,

Romanian President, unlike the Bulgarian head of state, has real power; and, unlike Lithuania and the Czech Republic, where the decision to press ahead with market re-form is not seriously contested. Romania is at an

Mr Iliescu pursued a policy



President Yeltsin flanked by staff at Moscow's Cardiological Centre three days after his November 5 heart operation, in a photograph taken by Tatiana

Dyachenko, his daughter. Doctors say that he is gaining strength daily and will have talks with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, today

resign. "We will have an

austerity programme. We

have an extremely difficult

legacy. The Government must

apply long-term reform but at

the same time, must achieve

quick results ... the time for

action has begun," he said on

The economic shake-up will

prove difficult and President-

elect Constantinescu will face

opposition not only from tradi-

tionally militant coalminers

and factory workers - who

fear unemployment if there is

Romanian television.

Romanians jettison past to elect dissident professor as President

THE revolution finally arrived in Romania yesterday as voters threw out of power lon Iliescu, the shadowy post-Communist President who ruled for almost seven years with the backing of the coun-

Champagne flowed and students hoisted the Romanian flag — its heart ripped out as in the 1989 uprising against Nicolae Ceausescu — to celebrate the weekend ballot-box victory of a dissident geologist.

to confirm a trend against the Left throughout Central

The Romanian election, however, may be the most significant of all these. The important juncture.

of gradual reform which failed to tan any of the great economic potential of the country. His last desperate efforts to cling to power were typical of his Communist background: he froze food and energy prices and raised pensions by 10 per cent from October 1.

Mr Constantinescu will have to break with this style of management if he is to win back the confidence of Western investors. His campaign promised to cut taxes, improve living standards and moderwants to introduce rapid market reform. If there is no progress in the first 200 days

but also the secret services. It is the heirs of the feared Securitate who have come to symbolise the continuity of the



Hiescu: rule was backed by security services

Iliescu presidency with the rule of his predecessor, Ceausescu. Mr Iliescu, a Moscow-trained engineer, was once regarded as crown prince to the dictator. He fell out of favour in 1984, however.

After Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed in 1989, the influence of the Securitate, now renamed and split into six competing services, has grown to the point where the head of the Romanian Information Service, General Virgil Magureanu. is figure in the country.

Again and again, the agents have made their presence felt. Apart from evidence of continued illegal phone-tapping, much of the privatisation pro-cess in Romania is bound up with the question of Securitate control. Professor Constantinescu has been quick to emphasise that he has a clean record. There are no dark corners in my life and consequently I cannot be blackmailed ... nobody can put pressure on me."

ion Cristoiu, a commentator, put it another way: "He was not strangled, he was not toppled in a coup, nor was he shot in Tirgoviste (the scene of the Ceausescu execution]. That is why today is an historic

authorities on day-to-day law en-

forcement. But he expressed frus-

tration with Spain's refusal to

improve relations, ease border con-

trols, or accept Gibraltar as a full

He warned Britain not to allow

Spain to hold Gibraltar hostage in

bilateral relations. "We want to

engage Spain, but is Spain willing

to participate with Gibraltar? Are

they interested in Europeanisation,

or only if they are making progress on their sovereignty claim?" For

Gibraltar, sovereignty was absolutely non-negotiable, he said.

member of the EU.

Belarus chief says enemies can leave

PHIDM RICHARD BEIGTON

PRESIDENT Lukashenko of Belgrus yesterday vowed that nothing would stop him augmenting his considerable powers and warned opponents of his dictatorial rule to look "for another homeland".

As Belarus appeared to slip further towards violent confrontation, neither the President nor his parliamentary opponents showed any signs of backing down. The populist leader of the former Soviet republic told supporters in the provincial city of Gomel he was prepared to "take the most rigorous measures" against his enemies.

The two sides have been locked in a bitter, at times violent, dispute over Mr Lukashenko's attempt to increase substantially his powers, an issue due to be resolved by referendum on Sunday.

He wants to extend his fouryear term in office by an additional two and a half years, to win the right to appoint and dismiss local leaders, the right to set elections and additional powers that would turn the country into a virtual dictatorship.

The contest turned violent at the weekend when thousands of anti-Lukashenko demonstrators marched through Minsk, the capital, and clashed with club-wielding rior police, leaving scores injured or under arrest.

Parliament has been staging its own resistance campaign by occupying the assembly building, a move taken to avoid being locked out by the security forces.

Mikhail Chigir, the Prime Minister, appeared to switch threatened to quit unless the referendum were cancelled. Mr Lukashenko said he could be easily replaced by "another bureaucrat ... those who do not want to work will be free to look for another country".

economics seminar, applauded Señor Castro's weekend

FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE POPE met Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, in the Vatican yesterday. The encounter came a day before the Pope is to have talks with President Castro of Cuba, one of the world's last remaining Marxist leaders.

Observers said the timing appeared to be deliberate. The Pope and Gorbachev brought down Communism in Eastern Europe," one said. Castro that the system is

However, Mr Gorbachev,

who is in Rome to address an complaint to the UN's World Food Summit that the sufferings of Cuba were the result of the 34-year "criminal and absurd US embargo of the state rather than the failings of Communism. "Fidel did well to say what he did," he said.

Gorbachev backs Castro

The embargo is absurd." Yesterday was Mr Gorbachev's fourth visit to the Vati-

can since 1989. Many, including himself, see that first trip as a landmark in the decline of Communism. Yesterday he said: "Your Holiness. I recall our first meeting here, which led to the start of so many changes inside and outside the Soviet Union."

Señor Castro, who arrived in Rome in his trademark combat fatigues but later changed into a suit to address the food summit, dined with Gianni Agnelli, the head of Flat. Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, urged him to make "a real change" in human rights in Cuba.

But the Cuban leader said there was no room for democratic reform in Cuba. "We are achieving miracles," he said. "And we have done this because our revolution opened





Caruana: vestiges of colonial ties should be scrapped

Gibraltar 'to quit Nato if Spain wins southern control'

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

IF NATO appointed a Spaniard as head of the alliance's southern command with control over Gibraltar, the colony would leave Nato, Peter Carvana, the Chief Minister,

said yesterday. Gibraltar would never accept any arrangement that gave Spain a chance to undermine the Rock's sovereignty: "The suggestion that this country could exercise any nand and control is as offensive to the people of Gibraltar as the idea that Argentina should exercise

said. Speaking before talks with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Carnana also called for a long-term change in Britain's constitutional relations with the Rock. He said all vestiges of a colonial relationship should be scrapped in Britain's relations with the dependent territory of 30,000 people. A new constitution that reflected modern practice should also reexamine the role of the Governor

and change the appointment of opelected officials. "I have no agenda for breaking the political links with London," he

of decolonialisation." He cited the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man as the kind of dependent relationship within the European Union he had in mind.

Last year Britain came close to threatening Gibraltar with direct rule, so exasperated was the Goverament with the refusal of Joe Bossano, the previous Gibraltar Prime Minister, to crack down on drug smuggling and money laun-

Mr Caruana, who will see foreign affairs politicians from all parties during his two-day stay in

Britain, was insistent that Gibraltar had turned over a new leaf since his election in May. His Government was deeply concerned about what he admitted was the unsavoury

image Gibraltar had acquired.

"This did enormous damage to us," he said. "We were seen as a place that was off the rails and off the tracks."

Gibraltar will tighten controls on the sale of tobacco and make every effort to enforce EU directives to prevent money laundering, as well as clearing the backlog of others still to be enacted.

Mr Caruana said be wanted to



Big enough, if you are.

The cutting edge of sanity

Psychosurgery is being used to combat severe mental illness, but the results are mixed. Anjana Ahuja reports

arilyn Capon is standing in her kitchen. counting the dishes on the draining board. The counting helps to blot out the disturbing images in her head blood-spattered abattoirs, carcasses swinging silently, dead people. She won't identiby the people in her irrational thoughts. "I'm not trying to be difficult." she says. "I'll be forever worrying about the fact I've told you. I don't want to tempt fate." Her twin tormentors, severe clinical depression and obsessive compulsive disorder, have defied nospital treatment, pills and electroconvulsive therapy.

In June, Marilyn, 40, underwent psychosurgery, or, as many prefer to call it, neuro-surgery for mental disorder (NMD). The controversial operation involved burning out brain tissue in the frontal lobes, and was a final attempt to soothe her troubled mind. Five months on, all she has

to remember it by are two small scars on her forehead. Marilyn still rarely leaves her small ground-floor flat in Galleywood, near Chelmsford in Essex. She still endures the horrific thoughts, still exists on rice pudding and ice-cream (she is too tired to cook), and still depends on a weekly visit from her social worker. It takes her several hours to wash and dress. Sometimes she is too exhausted to feed Woo, her cat. She looks as though she would like to lie down and never wake up.

Psychosurgery didn't work for Marilyn. Nobody will be able to explain its failure, for psychosurgery is a medical mystery. All doctors know is that, in some people, killing off pea-sized portions of perfectly healthy brain tissue can alter mental state. The target is the ring-shaped limbic system in the centre of the brain. It is thought to play a crucial role

operation is made available



"I was always energetic, smartly dressed, hard-working, and always good for a laugh and a joke. I will never accept this is how I am meant to be"

only to the most desperate sufferers of depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, ma-nia and anxiety. In fact, psychosurgery is offered at barely a handful of institutions around the world. In Britain, these include the Maudsley Hospital in south London, and the University of Wales Hospital in Cardiff. (Another inexplicable aspect is that Cardiff surgeons destroy deeper tissue than that targeted by the London surgeons.

Of these, the Geoffrey Knight Institute at the Maudsley is the most active. Dr John Bartlett, a neurosurgeon, and Dr Paul Bridges. head psychiatrist at the institute, have overseen 1,200 operations. They are saddened that many doctors will not refer

patients for psychosurgery.

The problem is prejudice,"
Dr Bridges says. "People just
don't seem to like the idea of psychosurgery because it sounds brutal. They just remember the old operations,

where people were turned into cabbages and suffered all sorts of other severe side-effects. Now surgery is highly accurate and carefully controlled." Dr Bridges is referring to

psychosurgery's barbaric fore-runner, the lobotomy. Popular in the Forties and Fifties, the removal of all or part of the frontal lobes made zombies of thousands before being abandoned. The modern version is far removed from its terrifying ancestor - two thin probes are inserted in the forehead of the

anaesthetised patient, and high-frequency radio waves emitted from the tip burn out tissue in moments. Despite this precision, con-

troversy does remain. Those prepared to go under the knife ioday must convince a panel from the Mental Health Act Commission that they have given their free and full, informed consent. Six out of ten patients,

according to Dr Bridges, are cured or partially cured. Others claim a more cautious success rate of three in ten. Other sufferers see no change, or even see their conditions worsen as a result, although deterioration might be the natural progression of the disease. If the operation fails. patients cannot have it again pecause there is nothing left to burn out.

These failures, say critics, are the best argument against an ethically dubious practice whose worth has never been proved and whose scientific basis eludes explanation.

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Another concern is that psychosurgery offers faise hope to those least able to cope with disappointment. Dr Bridges, how-

ever, rejects this: "The suicide rate of people before operation is 15 per cent. After the operation. I per cent commit sulcide. It is lifesaving." What of the charge that psycho-

surgery has never been prop-erly evaluated? "If someone could come up with a treat-ment against which to compare it. I would welcome a randomised controlled trial. But there isn't anything comparable." Meanwhile, Dr Bridges says, doctors must offer desperate patients this one last chance: Bearing in mind the suicide rate, we simply must go on helping."

Tony Bartholomew, a 43-year-old former bricklayer from Rotherham, south Yorkshire, was one of the lucky ones. A manic depressive from the age of 14. he has made several serious suicide attempts. In a Network First documentary to be screened tonight, he reveals what he planned to do if the operation failed: "I'll try not to do anything until my mam goes. and then when she goes. I'll go. I'd have nothing to lose

and I can stop all this suffering." In fact, the operation, in June, saved his life. "Within three weeks I was less depressed, and doctors have said things could get even better over the next two years," he

ow on medication, Tony is planning his first shopping expedition for years, and hopes to take up gardening again. Meanwhile, Marilyn longs

for the return of the life that was stolen from her after a nervous breakdown in 1982. It is hard to believe that this small, weary woman, dressed in unflattering leggings and baggy jumper ("I know it's not nice but they don't need ironing") was once a happy, lively hospital worker in a stable relationship.

Soon, it wasn't just tiredness and depression that got her down. Horrible images of dead animals started plaguing her after her beloved cat,

Tiger: was run over. Marilyn recalls: "I couldn't bear to shut my eyes. I just kept seeing him lying there. That incident,

and the gruesome thoughts that followed, plunged her deeper into depression. One evening, she snapped. She ran around the house with a meat

cleaver, and was taken into hospital. She lost her job and her common-law husband. and attempted suicide more times than she can remember. She would happily lose a limb in exchange for her sanity.

boyfriend Gary are supportive, and she keeps in touch with the friends she made in hospital. She is glad she tried the operation but realises that, bar some miracle cure, she will suffer until the day she

She says: "I'm nothing like the real me. I was always energetic, smartly dressed, hard-working, and always good for a laugh and a joke. The comparison with me now is pathetic. Even if I live until I am 100. I will never accept this is how I am meant to be." Network First: Psychosurgery,

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Why I miss the joys of office life

Simon Nye on the pleasures of swivel chairs and Tipp-Exing

It's nearly five years since I gave up working as an employee in an office and I miss it. I have noticed what a bad press the clerical life gets. Sick building syndrome. the suggestion that if you put two desks together staff will harass each other sexually, the supposed advantages of teleworking... if we're not careful we'll stigmatise office life to such an extent that nobody will

enjoy it any more. So listen up. Don't be ashamed if you enjoy ordering paper clips. Don't despise yourself because you have a fascination for the niceties of deskworld. Offices are sociable and warm. Offices are good.

I was a translator in the London office of a Swiss bank until I gave it all up to

'Madonna write wryly observant television scripts, as I like to describe my work, or to friends and family like to describe it. It was the picas-ing little rituals I missed first -

running my hand along the floor-to-ceiling carpeting in the lift checking my e-mail box and finding largely nonsensical but cheerful messages from Simon in computers; watching bottoms go by: ripping the plastic cover off this conth's copy of Eurobanker and tossing it into the bin with that special clunking sound; debating with my colleague Craig which of us should get the stationery. Not convinced? Let me

list at random some of the easures of the office. Lying down under the desk after lunch. Tipp Exing. Smirking when superiors leave the room. Telling the temp how much you like her hair. Making your document-holder go boing.

The work, of course, may be hard and grinding, but At least in an office you usually get some kind of swivelly chair to do it on.

The status of office life over the last three decades. can be charted crudely in TV terms. The 1970s saw the Reggie Perrin series in which Leonard Rossiter rebelled at the absurdities and unhinging repetitions of small company life. It

brilliantly captured the three legs of the stool of office life thwarted bust. professional paranoia, and the tendency always to be Il minutes late for work. Attitudes to office life in

1980s were characterised by Capital City, the series set in a London merchant bank where everyone was young and lithe and wore suits that cost a teacher's monthly salary. Computers had arrived, turning workplaces from dingy paper mills into gently glowing nerve centres. Every executive had a basketball hoop. Office life was sexy and we were supposed to sleep

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helps you to understand how other organisations operate. The fog of British politics clears when you realise that the Government is essentially a classic group of office employees. Michael Portillo, the sadistic head of security with the unreasonably crisp shirts. Ken Clarke, the chief salesman everyone wants to buy a drink. Michael Heseltine. the floppy-haired executive who does something but

nobody's quite sure what.
Office life obviously
wouldn't suit everyone. Paul Gascoigne wouldn't react well to the queue for the colour photocopier.

Madonna ordering up a
batch of staples — I don't

But the next time someone suggests that offices are full of drones lacking the sense to get a proper job that involves getting out and about in the fresh air, drape them in a sympathetic gaze and tell them about the simple pleasure of an hour spent serenely Tipp-Exing. If they nod off, just ignore them







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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

Stunning tax haul improves Clarke's hand

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A STUNNING haul of tax receipts in October has given the Chancellor more room for manocuvre in next week's Budget but the City still gave warning yesterday that tax cuts would be inappropriate when the economy is already showing robust growth.

The Government paid back 64.39 billion of borrowing in October, thanks to bumper corporation tax receipts helped by a bounce back in VAT and excise duties, which reflect healthy consumer spending. This was more than twice the debt repayment that the City had been expecting.

The net effect of yesterday's surprisingly good figures is that the City — and the Treasury — now believe that the Government is back on truck to meet its £26.9 billion orecast for the public sector year. Earlier in the year, tax revenues had been disappointing and the PSBR appeared to

be overshooting that forecast.
The October repayment leaves cumulative borrowing at £11.36 billion, compared with £18.72 billion at the same stage last year. Taking privatisation proceeds out of the picture, the improvement is far less dramatic, with borrowing at £15.3 billion this year compared with £18.8 billion last year. Nevertheless, this is still a far better picture than earlier this year when the Government had made virtually no progress in reducing the deficit.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-cellor, said that yesterday's figures were very good and put him back on track to meet the prediction made in the Treasury's Summer Forecast.

But, clearly keen to prevent an outburst of euphoria in

get, the Treasury was at pains to point out factors that exaggerated the positive news in October. Officials noted that healthy income tax receipts came after a number of poor months and simply put this source of revenue back in line with Treasury predictions. Some of October's strong bounce back in VAT receipts effects of timing that brought forward some of the taxes normally expected in November and December.

totalled £9.1 billion compared with £7.3 billion last year, it said that October normally saw a preponderance of payments from financial com-panies, which have been much more profitable than industri-al and commercial companies who tend to pay in January. In other words, the Treasury is warning that January's corporation tax is unlikely to be as

good as October's. But, in spite of such caveats, yesterday's numbers were clearly very welcome news.
David Walton, of Goldman
Sachs, said that a feasible
Budget package would now
include spending cuts of £2. billion, net tax cuts of 13 billion and a lowering of the PSBR forecast for next year, from £23.4 billion to around

£20-£21 billion. However, there were warning voices, too. Kevin Darlington, of Hoare Govert, noted that Mr Clarke had forecast in his November 1993 Budget that the PSBR would have failen by 5 per cent of GDP whereas the out-turn would be nearer to 3.5 per cent. "In the light of such a track record and the still high level of public borrowing at what might prove to be the peak of the economic cycle, pleasant surprises like this should be

banked, not spent," he said. The British government bond market ended modestly higher after the news but the rally was cautious, with investors still hoping for a tight Budget, given worries about the economy's robust growth and possible inflationary pressures. Sterling's effective index against a basket of currencies closed at 92.0, unchanged from Friday's close, while the FT-SE 100 index closed only 3.9 higher, at 3,962.1.



George defends role as watchdog

By Robert Miller BANKING CORKESPONDENT

THE GOVERNOR of the Bank of England yesterday mounted a spirited defence of the Bank's role as a watchdog in the face of hostile questions

Eddie George, flanked by Michael Foot, an executive director of the Bank and Ian Watt, an adviser, countered criticisms that included one of 'supervisory complacency' from members of the Commons Treasury Select Committee, which is conducting its own inquiry into the £830

million collapse of Barings.

Diane Abbott, a Labour member, asked why it was that on each occasion after the crashes of Johnson Matthey, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and Barings, the Bank said: "We have the best system in the world, banks will inevitably collapse and we are sharpening up our act."

Mr George, who said he

found questions from Brian

Sedgemore, another Labour member, about Brian Quinn, former Deputy Governor of the Bank and now a director at Nomura, "offensive", replied: 'We have taken a great deal of action to smarten up our act." On the role of senior executives at Barings at the time of the crash, and in particular Andrew Tuckey, the former deputy chairman, and Peter Norris, who was chief executive officer. Mr Sedgemore said: "I know a jury | insurance premiums to 6 acquit nine out of ten cases that

came before them but wouldn't

acquit Tuckey and Norris."

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Budget fear

Insurers fear that the Government is considering more than doubling taxes on motor and household the present insurance premium tax rate of 2.5 per cent. Page 28

Panic buyers in hunt for houses

By ROBERT MILLER

A SHORTAGE of bosses, acter houses in beauty spots such as the Lake District. for sale has led to "penic reflecting a rising demand for holiday homes. buying" in some areas of the country by people scared of missing out on a bousing

lan Perry, of the RICS, said: "Many potential ven-dors are waiting for higher prices in 1997, while would-be purchasers become inboots, according to a new survey published today. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) creasingly irustrated by the lack of choice. There are reports of panie buying in some areas. This is due to a says that October, which broke with tradition by outperforming September for the first time since 1982, also misplaced fear of missing saw the fourteenth consecutive month-on-month inout on a 'property boom'.

crease in the proportion of "An expected influx of chartered surveyors reportproperties starting in the ing house prices rises. new year will tend to temper price increases and restore a The RICS, which polis sense of proportion to the more than 250 members for market " its housing market survey.

The RICS said that the says that a major driving strong market recovery "cer-tainly does not need any force behind the record monthly increases is the help from the Chancellor in his forthcoming Budget. The current market imbalgeneral shortage of proper-ties, London and the South East "forged ahead", according to the latest survey, while East Anglia and the South West continued to see ance is "fuelled by a general increase in demand, a race so beat the deadline for rising prices and activity. In attractive fixed-rate mortgage offers and more people the North, certain types of property sold well and there was a "brisk" trade in charwanting to move from renting to owning", it added.

Revenue demands £1.17m from Chelsea Football Club

CHELSEA Football Club, the Premiership club owned by the AIM-listed Chelsen Village, is facing a demand for El.17 million on unpaid tax after an investigation by the

Inland Revenue. The club is contesting the demand, but has listed it as a contingent liability in the accounts of Chelsea Village, which have been sent to shareholders but not yet filed at Companies' House. The demand is nearly twice

the operating profits of Chelsea in the financial year ended June 30. The club, whose deputy chairman, Matthew

Harding, died in a helicopter crash last month, is trying to raise £30 million to complete the redevelopment of its ground at Stamford Bridge.

By Jason NISSE

Reports at the weekend suggested that Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, had approached Mohamed Al Fayed, chairman of Harrod's, about investing in the club, but these have been dismissed.

Chelsea shares yesterday rose 4p to 1204p, giving a market value of £162 million. The tax claim against Chelsea is believed to be the highest demand made by the Reve-

nue as part of its two-year in-

quiry into the Premier League. Tax experts say that the Revenue is in talks with a number of clubs about unnoid tax. with heavy scrutiny on transfer payments, particularly re-

lating to players from abroad. Chelsea paid no tax in either of the last two financial years, in spite of making operating profits in both periods. After transfer fees, the company made a profit of £1.51 million in 1994-95 and incurred a loss of £2.95 million in 1995-96.

Alan Shaw, company secretary of Chelsea Village, said it was appealing against the Revenue's demand.

shares changed hands.

That's certainly happening. We are seeing institutions, even

instant profit

By OLIVER AUGUST

Telekom dials

Telekom shared instant paper profits of £1.4 billion when the German telephone group floated on the New York and Frankfurt stock exchanges yesterday.

The shares rose from the DM28.50 offer price to DM33.40 during floor trading on the Frankfurt bourse. Ger-man traders said the flotation, Europe's biggest ever, had resulted in one of the busiest days in the bourse's history. Some 38 million Telekom

At 9.30am, an official's shout of "DM33-20" opened the floodgate to frantic order activity. More than 100 dealers waved their order-books at the official brokers backed up by the advising banks Goldman Sachs. Dresdner and Deutsche Bank.

The shares are likely to plot an erratic course over the next few days before finding a more stable trend, traders and analysts said. The key influence on Deutsche Telekom trading in the short-term will be the positive effect of institutions seeking to buy in the open market what they could not get in the allotment of the heavily oversubscribed issue.

INVESTORS in Deutsche around half of what they were

after," said one analyst.
Telekom was by far the
most-heavily traded German share, outpacing such bluechip standards as Siemens, the electronics and engineering group, and BASF, the pharmaceutical company. Demand for the shares had outpaced supply by about five times, despite a last-minute 20 per cent increase in the issue

The size of the demand led to an allocation among domestic and international investors that dealers described as "very thin". German investors took two thirds of the issue, with the rest going abroad. British institutional investors received less than 10 per cent.

"This could be the highest level we will get for the shares for the next few days," one trader said, adding that he thought the share could fall back to about DM30.

Small investors, who were encouraged to participate in the flotation bonanza through a 50 pfennig-discount per share, could start to sell their allorments this week. If they take profits, they will each have made about \$700 on an investment of £3,000.

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Barbie takes the wheel in Matchbox deal

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

world's largest toy company, are tightening their grip on the multibillion-dollar toy market with the announcement of a \$755 million merger with Tyco, America's thirdlargest toy company. The deal will link Barbie with the celebrated Matchbox miniature cars and remote controlled vehicles produced by Tyco, creating a company with annual sales of more than \$5 billion. The all-paper deal has been app-

BARBIE and her maker, Manel, the roved by both boards. A big deal was widely expected after the failure of Mattel's unsolicited \$5.2 billion bid for Hasbro, the second-largest toymaker, this year. Hasbro spurned Mattel's advances, ching insurmountable antitrust problems, but it has now been left in an awkward position in the cut-throat world of toys. Tyco was an obvious merger candidate. Its shares have lan-guished at between \$5 and \$7 for the

pany's performance. Net income in the third quarter this year rose slightly to \$9.6 million on sales of \$256.3 million. Despite the lacklustre performance, however, Mattel is paying \$12.50 a share for Tyco, a premium of 78 per cent. As well as Barbie, Mattel produces brands such as the Fisher-Price toys and Hot Wheels. The company said these would combine well with Tyeo's main products past two years, resisting all attempts which include Sesame Street charac-

by the management to boost the com-pany's performance. Net income in games, as well as Matchbox. Should Barbie harbour the ambition to move from clothes modelling into films, the merger could be her big chance. Last month Tyco launched a camcorder for children between six and 12 years old. It weighs less than a pound, costs \$100 and shoots black and white pictures. It can be linked to the family's video to play back the work of every pint-sized Spielberg who owns one.



Actor John Goodman with Elmo, of

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Amoco's new field onstream

Oil has started flowing from Amoco's new Arkwright field in the North Sea. The Arkwright field. which cost almost E57 million, is 150 miles east of Aberdeen and is producing about 8,000 barrels per day, rising shortly to more than 12,000 barrels. A subsea pipeline connects Arkwright to Amoco's Arbroath platform, seven miles away, and oil will be transferred to the shorebased Cruden Bay installation by the Forties

Vanguard deal

Shares of Vanguard Medica. the drug development company, rose 55p to 565p yesterday after it an-nounced that SmithKline Beecham has agreed to buy the global marketing rights to its new anti-migraine treatment. The shares were floated at 450p in May. SmithKline, one of the world's largest pharmaceuticals companies. acquired the marketing rights for the product, known as VML 251, in exchange for a series of "milestone" payments that will cover its final development costs. The first pay-ment of US\$1 million is due shortly and will be followed by four payments of roughly similar size.

Vanguard will receive a share of the migraine drug's net operating profits when it reaches the market. The profit-sharing split was not revealed, though analysts believe Vanguard will receive about 20 per cent against SmithKline's 80 per cent.

Celsis on track

Celsis International, the microbial diagnostics company, is on track to earn its first profits in the 1997-98 financial year. The company reported a pretax loss of £2.6 million in the half year to September 30, down 10 per cent from a £2.9 million loss previously. The improvement reflected higher sales of its screening products and tight cost controls. Celsis said its £7.6 million in cash is sufficient to fund its operations for two years.



Michael O'Brien of MasterCard, left, with Michael Keegan, chief executive of Mondex, in London yesterday

Insurers fear doubling of tax on premiums in the Budget

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

INSURERS fear that the Government is considering more than doubling taxes on motor and household insurance premiums to a rate of 6 per cent in

next Tuesday's Budget. They claim that the Chancellor would like to bring insurance premium tax (IPT), currently 2.5 per cent, up to VAT levels of 17.5 per cent. They believe that raising it to 6 per cent in this autumn's Budget is the first step towards turning IPT into VAT. Such a move would bring Britain into

line with some European ance incurs VAT. Insurers believe that that the Government sees insurance premiums as a "soft target" for

a tax that has gone almost

unnoticed by consumers. The current tax is not charged on medical insurance, and Duncan Hopper, managing director of Legal & General healthcare, believes it is unlikely to be extended in that an increase in IPI could be preparing the way for IPT be turned into VAT." if the Chancellor were to

raise IPT to 6 per cent, it would bring him an extra £1 billion a year, and take the total tax collected from nonlife insurance policyholders to El.75 billion next financial year. Such a move would be a blow to the industry, which ve-hemently opposed the introduction of IPT in the Budget of November 1993. The tax applied, from October 1 1994, to

most forms of general insur-ance, except medical cover. IPT is seen as an easy option by the Government because the public has so far paid up without complaint. It is considered an invisible tax because it is added to an

insurance premium. The Association of British Insurers has been lobbying for the tax to be scrapped or frozen. Mark Boléat, its director-general, says that a big rise in IPT would cause.

surance. "There is a danger of a jump in the number of motorists without cover, homeowners who cannot afford to pay and businesses being jeopardised," he said. A Gallup poll for the ABI

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stake. Michael Keegan, chief executive of Mondex, said the

deal would speed the intro-

(Martin Barrow writes).

found 71 per cent of people considering IPT unfair. Mr Boleat said the poorest fifth of wage-carners spent four times as great a proportion of their income on motor in-surance as the best-paid fifth.

Cab float go-ahead

company led by Geof Kaley. its managing director, re-ceived approval from its ultimate owner, the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, for its planned flotation on the Alternative Investment Market (Oliver August writes).

More than 60 per cent of the association's members voted for the flotation, which will million satellite tracking system for the taxis. The main objections raised

by a few particularly vocal members concerned the potential loss of control over the system and the inability of drivers to receive free shares in exchange for the contributions made to date towards the



Kaley: vote of approval

MORE THAN 1.6 million taxpayers are set to get their the new tax regime aimed at the self-employed, higher-rate taxpayers and others who have complicated tax affairs (Caroline Merrell writes).

The Inland Revenue yesterday began to distribute statements of account to those who

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David Lloyd

DAVID LLOYD, the former

tennis player who recently left Whitbread, is to become a non-

executive director of Snake-

board, the leisure company that is joining the Alternative Investment Market on Thurs-

Mr Lloyd, who made £20 million when he sold David

Lloyd Leisure to the brewing

and leisure company last year, will act as a consultant for

Snakeboard, which makes

steerable skateboards. He will work an initial 12 days a year,

and receive a basic annual

Snakeboard is raising £2.7

million from the float. In the 13 months to March 31, it made

pre-tax profits of £383,000 on

sales of £2.3 million. It will be valued at £20 million.

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salary of £15,000.

day (Fraser Nelson writes).

New tax era dawns

detail the tax due for the 1996-97 tax year, based on the previous year's tax. It will be payable in two instalments— in January and July. Many accountants believe the new rules could cause chaos. Pilot studies show that even the most financially astute find it difficult to fill in the forms

Consultant's | New curbs on strikes

expected GOVERNMENT plans for new curbs on strikes are set to be unveiled today in a move attacked by unions as moving power to bad employers. Proposals to end unions'

immunity from being sued for damages over the effect of strikes are expected to be announced by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. The TUC said that the expected Green Paper on indust-

rial relations reform was "far

more extreme" than Mr Lang suggested at this year's Conservative Party conference. According to a leak to the TUC. proposals include requiring that strike votes be backed by a majority of those

entitled to vote.

Northern dismisses CE bid as too low

NORTHERN ELECTRIC, the besieged privatised utility, demanded a "rapid end" to the uncertainty over the £651 million hostile bid launched last month by an American power group. The company told shareholders to reject the 630p-a-share bid from CE Electric as too low. The regional electricity company issued its defence document to investors

electricity company issued its defence document to investors saying it was worth far more to the US predator. David Morris, Northern's chairman, said the market was currently uncertain about whether the bid would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. "We believe that this bid should be decided on value and Northern Electric calls for a rapid end to this period of uncertainty," he said.

CE Electric has already captured control of 29.9 per cent of Northern, buying shares at its offer price of 630p. Northern said it had delivered a total return to shareholders of 30.8 per cent since flotation, compared with the average total return of 23.8 per cent delivered by the five regional electricity companies that are still independent. It reminded investors that they would receive a special dividend of 56.5p a share in February, as long as the American bid failed.

Semple Cochrane to float

SEMPLE COCHRANE, the engineering services group that recently won a contract to design and install a new security system for the main prison on Bangkok, is coming to the market in a flotation expected to value the company at £14 million. The company, whose activities also include mainten-ance of factories, is raising £4.5 million. Tom Clark, chairman, Ian McKendrick, managing director, John Mc-Kee, executive director, and Wilson Evans, finance director, bought the company 16 years ago for £100,000, and are on course to retain a stake worth £1.75 million each.

NatWest job changes

SENIOR management changes have been made by NatWest Markets after its acquisitions of Gleacher, Gartmore, Greenwich and Hambro Magan. Peter Hall, deputy chief executive and head of North American operations, is to return to the UK as president and chief operating officer by the end of the year. Roger Byatt, deputy chief executive of NatWest Markets, will retire in March 1997 after 40 years with the banking group. Michael Allsop, senior managing director and global head of specialised finance, is to be president and regional managing director of the North American arm.

Hickson sells Manro

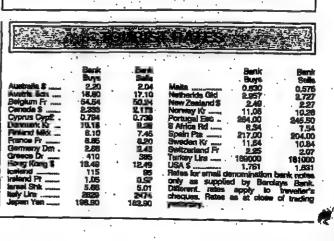
HICKSON INTERNATIONAL, the chemicals company. yesterday took the largest step of its restructuring programme by selling Manro, a performance chemicals subsidiary, to its management for £26.5 million. The proceeds of the deal. Hickson's second since the £22.3 million disposal of Hickson Kerley in January, will be used to reduce borrowings of £70 million. The company made a loss of £16 million on the sale. David Wilbraham, Hickson's recently appointed chief executive, said that he expected further disposals next year. Hickson shares closed 'ap easier, at 68p.

Bankruptcies 'stable

THE number of bankruptcies and company liquidations remained relatively stable in the third quarter of the year, according to figures released by KPMG. Recorded bankruptcies rose by only three, to 5,446, and insolvent liquidations showed a 2.5 per cent rise, to 3,380. Most areas saw rises in company voluntary liquidations between the second and third quarters, except South West and North West England. A survey by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, published yesterday, showed almost 100,000 jobs were salvaged from company failures in the year to June 30.

Lloyds selling NZ bank

LLOYDS TSB Group, the UK banking group, is raising around A\$85 million (about £40.5 million) through the sale of Lloyds Bank NZA to the Australian arm of ABN Amro. Lloyds Bank NZA is a specialist licensed bank with assets of A\$1.1 billion and a staff of 71. The bank forms part of National Bank of New Zealand, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lloyds TSB, which said that it was selling Lloyds NZA as part of its global strategy to focus on the local New Zealand market". For ABN Amro, one of the targest foreign banks in Australia, the Lloyds NZA deal will add to its assets of \$5 billion.



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Lonrho's Tiny point of principle

WHAT a peculiar company Lonrho is. A couple of hundred respectable pensioners turn up at Kensington Town Hall to throw a few brickbats at directors and oppose the £327 million sale of the Metropole hotels. Sir John Leahy, Lourho's chairman, has the comfort of 421 million proxies nestling in his back pocket, so it is all about a deal that is already as good as done.

So far, so typical. But Lonrho's board, and Sir John in particular, do not inspire much confidence. Sir John yesterday confessed his ignorance of the workings of the hotel cycle — an issue central to the merits of the issue central to the merits of the Metropole deal. He went on to be vague about Lonrho's strategy, and to make it clear that he has no great appetite for his job. This is, let us remember, the chairman of a £1 billion company that is planning to split itself in two over the next few months.

And then there is the ghostly presence of Dieter Bock - no longer the chief executive, no longer a shareholder, but apparently still keen to take a major interest in Lonrho's African trad-ing businesses after the de-merger. Why has Mr Bock sold out his 18.3 per cent stake to Anglo American Corporation, seemingly weakening his bargaining power ahead of the key negotiations? The recent sale made a £100 million profit for

Mr Bock but has triggered a stretching into months, of agcollapse in Lonrho's share price.

Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's thumping, irritating leaks to the founder, had this to say. "It is a clear conflict of interest for Mr Bock to remain on the board where his knowledge of the possible to assess the damage to the value of their holdings. The collapse in Lonrho's share price.
Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's founder, had this to say: "It is a clear conflict of interest for Mr Bock to remain on the board where his knowledge of the company's affairs will help him bargain with Lonrho. Mr Bock can't work in the interests of the company or its shareholders as a member of Lonrho's board. when at the same time he is

trying to negotiate a deal for himself. Why has the board allowed Mr Bock to remain? It is a question that this extraordinary company would do well to answer.

Debt loophole must be plugged

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the value of their holdings. The only people who can take any sensible view are the management and those banks who are party to the negotiations.

Should one of those bankers, learning of something that sug-gests shareholders are in for a rougher ride than anyone had expected, pick up the phone and suggest the broking side of his business dumps the shares pronto, and should that trade be carried out, all concerned are probably guilty of a criminal offence. I say probably, because the law on insider dealing as governed by the 1993 Criminal Justice Act is a fragile one, and some curious decisions have emerged from the courts. In fact, this sort of thing happens quite a lot in the City, but it should not. Stockbrokers have gone to jail for actions such as these, if perhaps not in sufficiently large

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flagrant insider dealing that is quite legal. That banker could quite cheerfully pick up the phone to colleagues and instruct them to deal, on the basis of information known only to insiders, and it would not be a matter for any court of law. This is in the growing market of debt trading, and the reason it lies outside the criminal law is that this market barely existed when the rules were drawn up.

The borrowings of companies such as Brent Walker and Eurotunnel, to name two notable recent examples, are freely traded at a percentage of their face value, that percentage based on the chances of the debt being repaid in full. Specialist traders

research teams. Once a company goes into the half-life that is a financial restructuring, the duties of the board, and how they are required to distinguish be-tween the interests of sharehold-ers and creditors, become rather vague. But the banks can do pretty well what they will, and they do. They are clearly in a far better position to know the risks than ordinary shareholders, who must be kept outside the charmed circle of negotiations. Yet the rule is still caveat emptor; you deal with a well-connected

bank at your peril. It is perfectly clear that shareholders' interests demand some change, whether to bring debt trading within the insider trading laws or, perhaps better, to ban banks once negotiations have started from trading in debt at all. This had better happen before the next round of financial restructurings that will almost certainly be needed once interest

rates ratchet up again.

A final thought, Companies can use section 212 notices to find out the owner of quite small chunks of their equity. But there

exist, complete with their own is no matching facility to discover who owns the borrowings that might one day convert into a large number of shares.

Good time to raise tax on insurance

THE Association of British Insurers is probably pushing on a firmly closing door in trying to oppose any increase in insurance premium tax (IPT) in next week's Budget. The tax came in three years ago as an alternative to VAT on non-life insurance premiums, and the rates that apply to such policies on the Continent are far higher than the 25 per cent that applies in the UK, being much closer to the proper VAT rate. Ergo, on the basis that closer European harmonisation means the importation of the worst practices from the Continent, why not push up rates to the insured to the 6 per cent that is now rumoured?

The truth, of course, is that this is an imposition that is seen to hurt no one, that hardly shows on the household bills, and that no

about - a little like the airport tax that adds a few pounds to the cost of each holiday. Disregard the fact that IPT is levied on medical insurance, so a raise would seem to cut against the principle that we should be encouraged to take care of our own future welfare needs. Better to raise the rate now, at a time when the insurance cycle is widely seen to have turned and higher premiums are on the way for all in due course.

Soundbite sample

THE debate on Labour's daft utilities tax is now over at Westminster with the politicians, which means rational thought has been replaced by the soundbite. Brian Mawhinney's claim that the tax could cost consumers more than £200 a year is a classic example, assuming as it does that the lost funds would be clawed back entirely from customers, rather coming from lower dividends and higher company debt. Dr Mawhinney has a final shot. His figures might be wrong; why doesn't Gordon Brown come clean and admit Labour's precise tax plans. so removing all doubt? Indeed, and with the uncertainty among those contemplating taking out insurance policies, would Ken Clarke today care to give us the details of his Budget?

Thorn alert knocks 10% off shares

By Sarah Cunningham

CAUTIOUS WORDS from compared with £71.5 million a Thorn on prospects for next year sent the rental group's shares diving 10 per cent yesterday as it unveiled its first set of interim results since splitting from EMI.

Mike Metcalf, chief executive of Thorn, which demerged from EMI in August, said that tough trading conditions in America and a delay in cutting costs in the UK would have some impact on the outlook for. the next financial year.

Shares in the company, which operates the Radio Rental and Crazy George's chains in the UK and Rest-A-Center in the US; closed down

34p at 3135 p Retail analysis reduced Tuny Shiret, of BZW, shifting from E187 million to £182 million for this year and from £202 million to £195 million for next year. "[For Thorn] to make these statements now is very disappointing," he said.

The company reported pretax profit after exceptional charges for the six months to September 30 of 137.8 million



Metcalfe: first results

year ago. Underlying pre-tax profit rose to £79.3 million, but was hit by a provision cover-ing the disposal of 182 proper-ties that reverted to Thorn from Escom after it went into

receivership earlier this year.

The delay in cutting UK costs comes from the fallure to complete the roll-out of Thornlink, a national service call centre, by the end of this year. It is now likely by the end of 1997, Mr Metcalf said.

The temporary closure of the first Paris branch of Crazy George's after complaints that its advertising might mislead name customers into overpaying for goods had attracted a liuge wave of public interest, he said. Crazy Geom electrical goods and furniture to people who have difficulty obtaining credit. Customers can choose an "option to own", but end up paying much more than if they were to buy the goods outright.

Sixueen new branches of rany George's opened in the UK in the first half, making a total of 47. A total of 275 are planned. The Paris branch, closed last week after one day's trading, is likely to remen in about a week.

The company is facing difficulties on two fronts in America. It said sales that in the second quarter were disappointing. The company also faces legal challenges in several states that do not have legislation covering rental-

The interim dividend of 3.7p (3.4p) is on the back of earnings per share of 12p (10.9p) and is payable on February 28.

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Diploma maintains dividend

By Fraser Nelson

DIPLOMA, the electronics and building products compuny, is maintaining the annual dividend at 14.5p a share after suffering a 14 per cent downturn in pre-tax profits to £23.5 million in the year ended September 30.

Christopher Thomas, chair-man and chief executive, said that the company was in much better health than the figures suggested, in spite of suffering difficult market conditions:

Sales rose to £235 million from 1216 million, helped by contributions from Albacon Telepins and Hercules Hydraulies, its two US acquisitions. Earnings dropped to 27p a share from 31.7p, but the final dividend was held at 10p. Diploma's electronics com-

propert distribution business was hit by over-supply and prior cuts, which hit margins. However, is said that conditions should recover next year.

Mr Thumas said that its acquisition of Eldersteels, a vanies sael stockholder, was pourly named. Bought last November, it was hit by a 39 per cent drup in mill prices. Mr Thomas said that the division was unlikley to become profitable for another six months.

Pensions windfall lifts 600 Group

By PAUL DURMAN

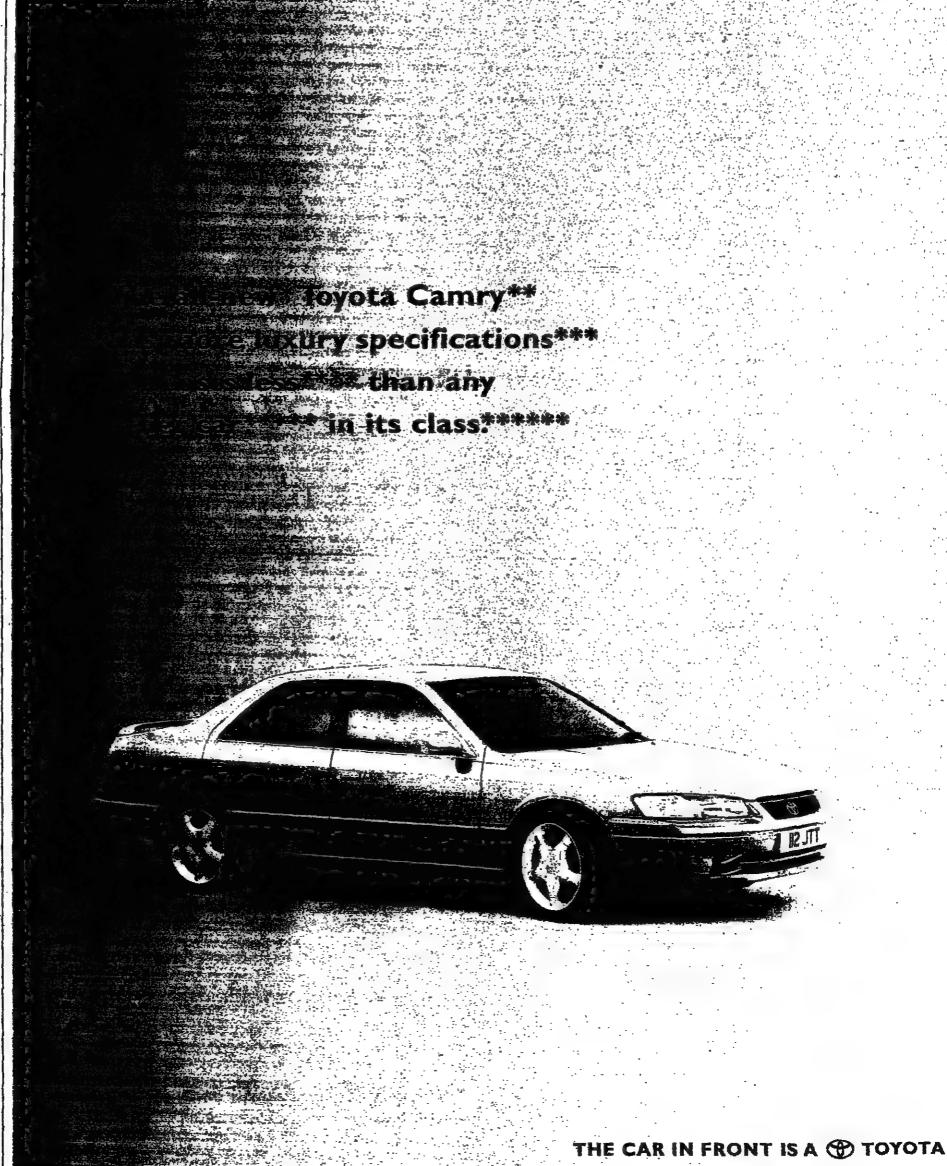
600 GROUP, the machine tool manufacturer, has recrived a £15 million repayment from the company's pension scheme, which lifted pre-tax profits from £4.8 million to £30.4 million in the six months to September 30.

Colin Gaskell, group man-ging director, said that the £150 million pension fund still had a surplus of around £20 million and he expects the company will continue to enjoy a pension contribution holiday for several years.

Trading profits were also strong, increasing by 66 per cent, to £5.1 million. This was based on a rise in sales of only 5 per cent, to £672 million, in the period. However, 600's shares fell Up, to 2492p. One. explanation was that Cazenove, the company's broker, had cut its profit forecast, although the company still expects further growth in the

second half. Dr Gaskell, who will be 60 in May, is to be succeeded by Tony Sweeten, who heads the machine tool division. The interim dividend is

doubled, to 1.5p a share.



*No, we haven't just changed the design of the ash-tray and stuck a light in the glove compartment. When we say new, we mean new. New styling as you can see, new interior, new everything. **OK, apart from the name. **So now you're thinking "this is where they say more specifications in the headline and then to to sheak out of it down here in the small print," aren't you! Well, as a matter of fact, you're wrong. The Camry really does have more specs than Elton John: ABS, climate-control sin-conditioning. electric windows, sun-roof, and mirrors and lots more we could mention. All right then will mention: RDS stereo cassette, remote alarm/immobiliser, foglamps, wood-grain frim. twin airbags and, on the 22 Camry Sport. Connolly leather seats, body styling package and 17" alloy wheels. Whatever happened to trust, by the way? *** You're not half a suspicious lot. But just so it's clear, the Carry V6, (still spec'd up to the eyeballs as per the footnote above mind you) is nearly four thousand pounds cheaper than the otherwise excellent Vauxhall Omega CDX, and over ten thousand pounds cheaper (!) than a Mercedes E230 Classic, to take two totally random (but comparable specified) examples. 未未未来(kar), sb. Wheeled vehicle. b. = MOTOR CAR. 未来未来来There are three new Camry models in all, The 22 (£19,599), the Vs (£24,609) and from january, the 22 Carrry Sport shown above, which comes in at £23,175, on the road - excluding rear seat belts. Only joking, they're included, they're included. Call 0800 T77 555 and order one.

the bulk of British Gas is Transco. the

pipelines company. While Transco is on the examination table at the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission, it remains a valuation

minefield, but whatever the outcome it looks

an unattractive prospect. The regulator is

prepared to tolerate a pre-tax return of about 7

per cent for Transco, which hardly approaches Shell's target of a net return of 12 per cent

If the numbers make little sense on a

cursory view, the greater risk for Shell would

be the possible loss of its high share rating.

Shell is the classic widows and orphans stock

offering reliable but unspectacular growth.

Unused to the rough and tumble of a takeover

bid. Shell is better off negotiating hard on

"take-or-pay contracts" and picking upstream

cherries as they fall from the troubled utility.

LEMPUS

Coming out of its Shell?

THE risk for any large integrated oil company is that it turns into a low growth

utility and Shell is no exception. Assets

acquired and nurtured over decades are

generating a flood of cash but oil and gas

reserves are slowly being depleted. Shell

needs to reinvest in new assets capable of

generating better returns but few projects are big enough to make a difference and the oil

Over the weekend, rumours surfaced that

Shell was in talks with British Gas. But if

Shell is looking for growth why then would it bid for a utility? Admittedly, the gas company

has a few attractive upstream assets: the

Morecambe Bay field for example and the

Armada gas project in the North Sea, while

BG's stake in the Karachaganak gas field in

Kazakhstan has some speculative value. But

company has been investing below budget.



Merger talk fires up Shell and British Gas shares

between struggling British Gas and Shell might seem like so much hot air, but it was just what City speculators were looking for on a cold Novem-

For weeks, City folk have been talking of a possible bid for British Gas. Weekend reports on "Project Napoleon" suggested the likely bidder was Shell, even though both sides were privately denying the story yesterday. Even sn. British Gas raced up 19/2p to 228/2p, extending Friday's rise as HSBC James Capel and UBS, a rival broker, gave the price their support. In heavy turnover a massive 34.1 million shares change hands.

rule out a bid for British Gas at some stage, most the them appear unconvinced that Shell is the company ready to make such a move. They point to regulatory and gas supply contracts as hurdles to any deal. Cash-rich Shell finished 102 p dearer at 9962 p.

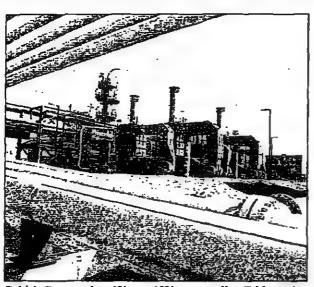
It was left up to another strong performance by the bond market to keep the rest of the equity market afloat. In thin trading, the FT-SE 100 index fluctuated in narrow limits for much of the day. Opening with an eight-point

rise in response to another record-breaking performance by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York on Friday, it soon moved into negative territory, weighed down by a large number of exdividends. It ended the session 3.9 points up at 3,9621 as turnover reached 707 million shares, partly inflated by the turnover in British Gas.

British Energy, floated off earlier this year, rose 24 p to a new high of 126p ahead of maiden figures on Thursday.

Elsewhere in electricity. Yorkshire Electricity was chased lip higher at 7462 p on mounting speculation about a bid from Entergy, the US power company, Northern Electric, currently fighting off the unwanted attentions of CE Electric fell 124p to 5964p after publishing its defence document. The group is offering shareholders a special dividend if they stay loyal. London Electric was another 636½ p.

The recent revival in shares of Philip Morris, the US tobacco and food group, on Wall Street has begun rubbing off on BAT Industries, up 9p



British Gas raced up 192 p to 2282 p, extending Friday's rise

at 436p. The City gave a cool reception to maiden interim figures from the newlydemerged Thorn, with the price tumbling 34p to 31312p on turnover of more than four million shares. Pre-tax profits of £79.3 million, against £71.5 million last time, were before exceptionals and roughly in line with market forecasts, but cautious comments about its

market where a strong pound works against it. One of the best gains on the

day was seen in Vanguard Medica. The price climbed 55p to 565p on news that VML 25), its anti-migraine treatment, was progressing to phase three trials. Smith kline Beecham, down 102p at 75312p, will market the drug worldwide. Vanguard came to

British Aerospace held at EII.43. despite the consortium of which it is a member being eliminated from the shortlist to build a new generation of US lighter aircraft. A number of brokers have spoken up for BAr, highlighting its already strong order book. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull is a buyer up to £13.

Thornlink subsdiary and currency factors have prompted brokers to downgrade their estimates for the full year. Nick Bubb, of MeesPierson. the broker, expects to reduce his forecast from £192 million to the £185 million level.

Brokers gave the thumbs down to half-year figures from dropping 17p to 2495p amid signs of a slowdown in the US market in May this year at 450p a share. A profits warning saw

shares of Forward Group plunge 1492p to 132p, wiping ESI million from the group's stock market value of £154 million. Destocking and the reluctance of customers to place fresh orders are likely to wipe out all the group's profits in the second half. As a result. brokers have almost halved



about £13 million. Rushmere Wynn fell 4p to

2p after announcing it could make a loss in the the ten lows the sale of HS Printers and subsequent write-offs. Provend, the vending

machine supplier, made a slow start to first-time trading on the stock market, with the price opening at just a lp 25p. It later slipped to 124p before picking up to end the day at 1325 p. a premium of 74p on turnover of 2.15 million shares. Provend was the subject of a management buyout from Sketchley in 1990.

Card Clear, the supplier of card payment and fraud prevention services, firmed 2p to 32p after announcing details a joint venture with Vodafone to validate credit cards. Its recent merger with Cardcast has also gone unconditional.

Maiden figures from Fiberact, a newcomer, lifted the shares 2p to 124 2 p. Losses from the supplier of highspeed digital networks were down on last year. Its own Middleton, is broker. Greig forecasting a further deficit for 1997 and a surplus in 1998. GILT-EDGED:

London bond market was able to extend recent gains supported by the bigger than expected budget deficit repayment fig-ure of £4.39 billion. Brokers argued that this latest move might give the Chancellor more scope for manoeuvre in next week's Budget. Sentiment was also bol-

stered by the Bank of England's decision to open up the opportunity for more overseas investors to be paid their dividends without being taxed at source. In the futures pit business

was described as brisk for a Monday as the December series of the Long Gift climbed £30 to £110716, with a total of 54,000 contracts completed. in longs, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £7 is £1024, while among

shorter-dated coupons, Trea-

sury 8 per cent 2000 was £532 □ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks hesitated in their twostocks succumbing to profit-taking and blue chips posting mild losses. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.96 points 6.342.07,

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new, higher margin products. Closing Prices Page 35

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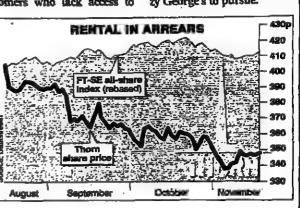
It Thore is to expand Crazy George's in France and across the Continent, it needs to do more than exploit sudden notoriety and goodwill. If potential customers think they are being asked to overpay under Crazy George's rent-to-buy

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nomic problems, is one of Thom's best potential mar-Given Thorn's focus on cus-

credit, falling unemploy-ment rolls is not the best climate for Crazy George's. Moreover, retailers on both sides of the Atlantic are offering more flexible credit arrangements, bringing a wider spectrum of customers into the credit net. That leaves just the very poor and very disadvantaged for Crazy George's to pursue.



600 Group

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NO PUBLICITY is bad pub-

licity, or so the saying goes — but Thorn is suffering in

France over the closure of its

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SHARES in the 600 Group took a tumble yesterday though it was not immediately clear why. The company's products, which include computer controlled lathes, have been doing well but 600 Group reported quiet summer trading in the UK. Similar political and interest rate worries seem to be affecting several other markets. Yet 600 remains upbeat about its prospects, and the trading concerns seem too minor at present to explain a 6 per cent fall in the share price.

Arguably, makers of capital equipment, like 600 Group, should benefit from a Labour government. A strategy wedded to reinvestment in industry should include tax breaks in the form of increased capital allowances for plant, pany selling hi-tech metal turning equipment. The com-pany is still reaping the benefit of its investment in

A 5 per cent increase in firsthalf sales translated into a two-thirds rise in underlying profits to 25.1 million.

Perhaps surprisingly, 600 broadly insulated from the rise of sterling, since it buys in roughly as many parts in yen as it sells completed machines in dollars. It still hopes to benefit from the long-awaited economic recovery in Japan and continental Europe.

The shares are now 50p off their summer high of 300p but still well above the 160p. at which they began the year. Unless you share the company's generally positive assessments of the US and UK economies, you should wait for clearer news on trading before buying.

Toad

security company, has received no reward for taking the dashboard technology on cars from analogue clocks to digital thief repellents. Its de-

vices are, to borrow the words of its finance director. "real sexy James Bond stuff" An illuminated dashboard pinpoints your location, delivers your e-mail, and fills the car with lemon-flavoured smoke if anyone tries to break in. They are affordable, police-approved, and available in a national network of centres.

Yet the market has stubbornly refused to give Toad credit for its gadgetry. With-out the blessing of volume carmakers, the technology remains a curiosity - James Bond stuff. Yesterday's deals with PHH and Ford suggest there is a market out there. Worth E4 million annually. the agreements are worth a third more than Toad's last annual sales. More deals are in the pipeline. If Chris Evans, the chairman, manages has woodd the biotech world, the shares could be due for a correction.

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Waigel misses out on Telekom

THEO WAIGEL, the German Finance Minister, turned up ten minutes too late for the investor party of the year. He missed yesterday's news confer-ence for the high-profile listing of Deutsche Telekom, explaining that "Frankfurt traffic was not a problem. It was fog in south Germany which

made me late". Asked later whether he had joined millions of Germans in snapping up stock in the state-owned firm, he said: "As an insider, I couldn't buy Telekom shares. But, if I wasn't Finance Minis-ter, I definitely would have bought them."

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Clarke and chips

THE Chancellor was lining his stomach at The Greenhouse yesterday, a week before the Budget, Ensconced alongside his PPS, the Chancellor tucked into a lunch of deep-fried foie gras, fol-lowed by chicken, washed down with white wine. He was, however, caught looking longingly at a fellow diner's side order of chips. "I thought Monday was a little bit too early for chips," he whimpered, Roll on next Tuesday,



"Would we accept Zoia unpaid tax bill"

Budget bets

MEANWHILE City In dex is waxing over more mundane matters. Now that the spread betting specialist's merger with Sporting index has fallen through, Jonathan Sparke, City Index's managing di-rector has turned his aftention to the Budget. City index is quoting a price for how long the Chancellor will speak and how many slugs of whisky he will take. Sparke is also going to quote on how long it is before Ken unters the words "betting tax".

Worldly Blair

HARRODS BANK'S Latest newsietter, makes an interesting reference to Tony Blair and beauty contests, Hidden in an interview with Andrew Logan, a client at Harrods Bank and mastermind of the Alternative Miss World film, is a little known fact about Blair. As a barrister, Blair suc-cessfully defended the makers of the film, after the organisers of the original competition objected to the use of "Miss World" in the title. Thanks to Blair, Lord Denning judged that no one could confuse the two events. "He hasn't got demon eyes," Logan protests, they're lovely."

Berkeley backers

SO, WHO is behind Berkeley Playhouse? Stand up Colin Emson, chairman of Robert Fraser Asset Manment, another would-be hipster behind the project to finance London's eagerly awaited table dancing club. As a part-time finance director in the Berkeley Playhouse, the pukka fi-nancier will initially have a 5.38 per cent stake, though this could soar on the upmarket strip joint's success. John Bottomicy, another senior executive from Roben Fraser, is also a nonexecutive director and company secretary at the

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Bill without a cause places strike laws on the agenda

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Summer disputes prompted today's consultation

> paper, says Philip Bassett

hen Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, today announces his new proposals for curbing strikes in British industry, he will do so in the awkward knowledge that the stoppages which have prompted them -- in the Post Office, on the railways, on the London Underground - are all settled: a Bill without a cause.

Yet that will not deter the Government from pressing ahead with plans. for new laws on strikes. Behind in the polls, it believes that the strikes over the summer brought employee relations, and especially strikes, back on to the public, and so the electoral, agenda - and ministers are determined to seize the moment if they can.

The flurry of industrial disputes over

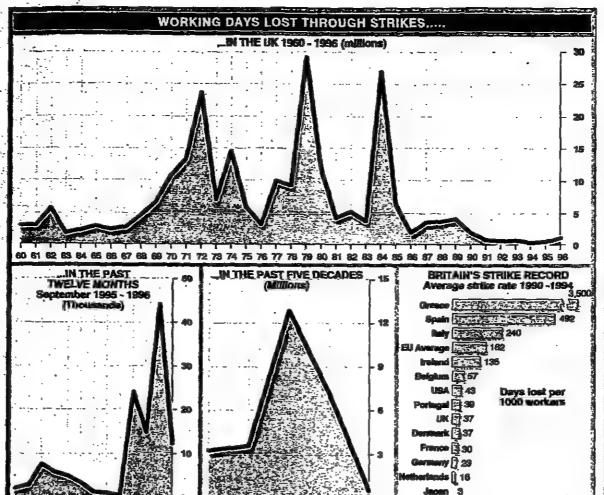
the summer certainly altered Britain's strike story. As the graphics show, in the 1950s, and 1960s, strike activity was relatively low, despite being seen as the era of "I'm all right, Jack": an average of about 3.5 million working days were lost through strikes each year.

The 1970s saw an explosion in strike activity, with key strikes by miners, car workers and public service employees: Although the vast majority of people never went on strike, such big disputes pushed up the annual average in the 1970s to some 12.8 million working days lost. The winter of discontent that ushered in the Conservative Government, big strikes in the steel, civil service and water sectors, cubminating in the 1984-85 miners' strike, helped to keep strike activity at a high level in the 1980s, with an average of 7.2 million days lost.

This summer's strikes, coupled with strikes over working time in the engin-eering industry in 1990, have pushed the 1990s average close to 1980s levels — even though before this summer, minissers have correctly been able to claim that strike activity in Britain has been at its lowest level since strike records began more than a century ago.

But the return of strikes this summer cast doubt over what is widely considered as probably the most unequivocal success of the Conservatives since coming into office in 1979 on the crest of a wave of anti-union feeling: the reform of employee relations in Britain, and especially of the UK's trade unions. In a series, ministers left the strikes signalled unfinished business: tough competitive sities, and the advent of liward investors such as Nissan and Toyota, had helped to render strikes all but defunct in the private sector, and a combination of privatisation and hardlearnt defeats had scaled them back heavily in the public sector.

But in what ministers came to identify as so-called monopoly public services, such as the Royal Mail and on the railways, where union membership was high and union power still strong, employees could still wield industrial leverage through strikes. With people walking to work and mail not being delivered, and with an election in



rospect and the Government's most signal achievement under threat, ministers were determined to act.

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Today's move by Mr Lang, publishig a new set of proposals to deal with strikes in a consultative paper is the result. Proclaiming at once both a "revolution in British industrial relations", and the fact that "some problems remain", Mr Lang, in his introduction to a draft version of the document, said: The Government believes there is now widespread recognition that the right to call strikes should be constrained within reasonable limits. Trade unions and their members pursuing a particular dispute must take account to the broader interests of the community." Statistically, the Government helps to

make its case today by showing in the consultative paper that in the past four years, strikes in the public sector education, health and administration and the utilities, such as gas, electricity, water, post, selecommunications and railways, have formed 60-80 per cent of the total number of working days lost through strikes - far higher than at any BOULT SINCE THE ESTLY 14/US. The draft document accepts the

economic drive behind this: "The current upourn in strikes is probably prompted in part by economic growth. and the continuing fall in unemployment. The perception that their employers' businesses are doing better, and that there is no readily available supply of replacement labour is likely to increase workers willingness to strike."

What ministers have to do today is reach a delicate balance: at once to say that the framework of industrial relations law which their Government has introduced is working well, and yet at the same time insist that there is real need for further action.

John Monks, the TUC's General Secretary, says that he doesn't detect great employer enthusiasm for further legislation, and privately, many emvers agree: they do not see further legal reform of employee relations as a ing competitiveness issue. Nevertheless, Mr Lang will set out today a range of measures, including extending from seven to 14 days the notice required of industrial action after a ballot, pushing up the ballot threshold from a majority of those voting to a majority of those entitled to vote, and reballoting on strikes every three months after the start of industrial action.

The consultative paper will make it clear that the Government has considered a further range of options, including compulsory arbitration in disputes, legal requirement to co-operate with Acas, the conciliation service, new powers to ban specific strikes or strikes in certain sectors of the economy. But these have all been rejected.

ia, the Government will pro pose removing legal immunity from strikes which have "disproportionate or excessive effects", citing as examples strikes which pose risks to life, health or safety; strikes which threaten national security or serious damage to property or to the economy; and strikes which will mean "significant disruption of everyday life or activities in the whole or part of the country." The Government's intention is to put the decision of what constitutes an essential service to the judgment of the courts.

The courts should take account, according to the Government, of the intensity, frequency and duration of the industrial action after a case had been brought before them, either by an employer or by anyone affected, whether the action concerned affected a monopoly or a service in which, for the timescale of the strike, there was no adequate alternative or substitute.

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The consultative paper says: "These legal criteria would allow a judgment to he made as to whether in a particular instance industrial action had, or was likely to have, unacceptable effects. It would be clear in most circumstances whether or not the effects of industrial action were likely to be disproportionate or excessive." Employment lawyers are sceptical about the value, or even the possibility of applying, this notion of proportionality, while unions and busi-ness are fearful that its vagueness may simply lead to fat fees for lawyers, with little practical effect. In one sense, today's move will be

shadow boxing - partly because the strikes which inspired it are over, but mainly because the law that the consultative paper will preface will not surface, doesn't make it irrelevant in 1992, the Government mounted a similar preelection exercise, including requirements for all pre-strike ballots to be postal. It subsequently became law.

If the Conservatives win the general election, today's consultative paper will signal further union reforms. If they do not, Labour has its own proposals for new employment law. Either way, unions, strikes and employee relations are firmly back on the business and political agenda - and today's government move will fire the starting gun for them as an issue in the election.



Stick with the hair shirt, Ken

hoping, sneakily, that Kenneth Clarke packs away his hair shirt and slips on his glad rags next Tuesday, given yesterday's stunning public borrowing figures. With an election looming and Labour apparently drawing away again in the polls, news of bumper tax receipts in October must tempt some to think that the Budget can be a generous, potentially vote-winning afair after all.

All such notions should be stamped on resolutely. News of a £4.4 billion repayment of borrowing last month, more than twice what the City had been expecting, is a strong argument against cutting taxes for it is yet further evidence of the economy's strength. Coupled with last week's surge in annual inflation rates and another very large fall in unemployment, the last thing this economy needs is a fiscal boost.

The October repayment of borrowing was partly because of strong corporation tax receipts and that, to an extent, reflects healthy profits last year. But there was also a rebound in receipts of VAT and excise duties, benefiting from this year's strengthening con-sumer demand. Early last month, the consensus forecast was that the public sector borrowing requirement in the full year would total £28 billion, once again overshooting the Treasury's £26.9 billion. Now the Government is expected to meet its projection and perhaps even undershoot it.

This is undoubtedly good news, particularly after last year's worries when tax revenues inexplicably failed to match expectations. But it is still no reason for wantonness. One only needs to look as far back as Nigel Lawson's chancellorship to know the disasters that can follow on the economy is aiready growing perfectly well on its own. Mr Clarke is already being told by the Bank of England that he will not hit his inflation target without higher interest rates. Net tax cuts next week would simply make the Bank and the markets even more

If Mr Clarke were to be tempted into a net tax giveaway of any size, then he terms of raising interest rates again — and probably again. With chartered surveyors now talking about panic-buying lifting house prices markedly in some parts of the country, it may be that the housing market is robust enough to take higher mortrates but the pyschological impact on voters would not be pretty.

The Chancellor will also be aware of last week's MORI poll in The Times, which thoroughly vindicated his view that the electorate would be cynical about tax cuts just before an election, having borne the huge tax rises that the Government promised, during the last election campaign, would never happen.

The poll showed that a

majority of the public, including Tory supporters and the better-off, believe that the Chancellor should not cut the basic rate of income tax. He would be better off pleasing the financial markets with a right package that recouped some of the slippage on the public finances last year, and concentrating on relatively cheap but clever measures designed specifically to steal Labour's thunder.

fter all, it should not be forgotten that, even after yesterday's figures, the PSBR is nowhere near as low as the Government had envisaged. In November 1994, the Treasury was projecting a PSBR this year of £13 billion. By last year's Budget, that fig-ure had risen to £22.5 billion. In the Summer Forecast, the estimate was raised again to £26.9 billion. Even if borrowing now undershoots and it still may not - this would only represent a modest clawing back of ground lost. Moreover, if all was right with the British economic universe, surely the Government nearer to its aim of "balance in the medium term" after five uninterrupted years of growth.

In the end, the debate about the contents of next week's Budget package is marginal in terms of economic impact. A lp cut in the basic rate costs about £1.3 billion. That is about half of the City's forecasting error for yesterday's public borrowing figures.

Philip Bassett on a project for the future

The Post Office looks to Genesis for its 21st century technology

Britain's Post Office, be-set by industrial dis-putes and a longrunning argument about its ownership as well as new communication methods such as e-mail and faxes, will today unveil a project aimed at shifting its markets into the 21st century.

In the unlikely setting of a warehouse in Swindon, Post Office leaders will reveal the Genesis project, which will attempt to bring together available and likely technologies from different suppliers. The Post Office regards the project as the most ambitious u has undertaken. In many industrial sectors

in Britain, the supply chain has been markedly improved - often by an external event, such as the arrival into a longestablished industry of an inward investor. Nissan, the Japanese motor manufacturer, for example, says that when it first set up in the UK in the mid-1980s, it used to reject 2,000 parts per million from its first 200 supplying firms. Now, the company says, its rejection rate from its top 50 suppliers is down to 10 parts per million - equal to the best rates in Japan.

While competition can stimulate development and improve quality, some companies recognise, too, that it can hold it back, as supply firms strive to maintain a competitive edge by keeping their own developments secret.

The Post Office will, in the Genesis project, try a different route - one that is collaborative, inclusive, co-operative. In the Wiltshire warehouse, Post



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John Roberts, the Post Of-

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Office leaders have drawn together 22 of the world's. leading information technology companies. Companies such as

Microsoft, IBM, BT, Compaq. AT&T. Hewlett Packard and Bull are casting aside old, traditional rivalries to work together for the Post Office, to create new models for business information systems.

Post Office leaders believe that by bringing together competing companies, swapping ideas, innovations and technologies, they can push forward change more quickly

Nobody in British industry has tackled culture change by bringing so many suppliers together to collaborate on something like this." The Genesis demonstration, put together for the relatively

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low cost of £2 million, will try to show what a post office of the future could look like including:

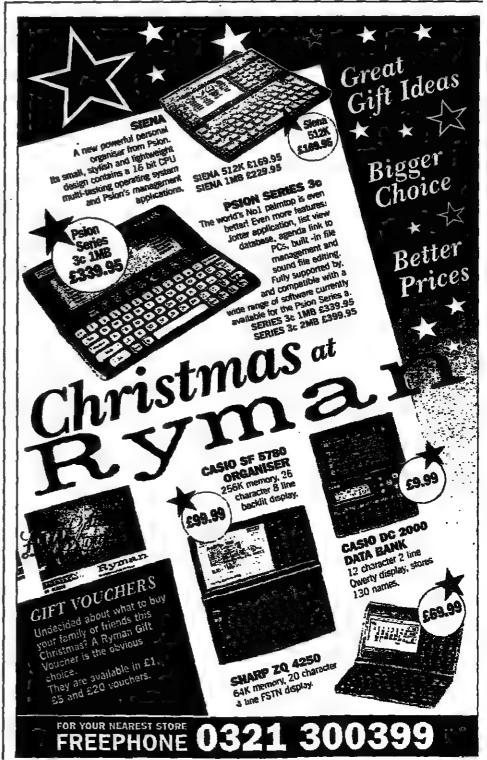
Interactive access to many

Post Office services through domestic TV sets, telephones, PCs and the Internet - including stamp issues, timed collec-tion and delivery services. including Datapost and regis-tered mail. It could even offer a hybrid form of E-mail, in which letters would be transmitted electronically to Royal Mail, which would then print and envelope them and send them straight to addresses.

New electronically based products, including the comouter-based ordering of goods. bill payments and distribution of computer-generated messages and letters. The plan envisages home shopping, under which customers could order a range of products by telephone, the Internet or other means, and the Post Office then delivering them.

☐ State-of-the-art cash accep tance systems and retail kiosks, including foreign currency exchange, allowing customers to pay for currency electronically, and then collecting it at a post office.

About 250 senior Post Office managers will be trained in the Genesis system over the Office. Genesis will be the coming weeks.



Car exports boost Japanese trade surplus with US

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

States surged in October, possibly signalling a reversal of the downward trend as Japanese manufacturers and carmakers, in particular, benefited from the weaker yen to boost overseas sales.

The surplus with America rose 31.3 per cent. from a year earlier, to 354.8 billion yen (£1.92 billion), helped by a 44.4 per cent rise in car shipments. This was the first expansion in 20 months, and prompted concern about a fresh out-

FORWARD GROUP'S

stock market value fell by

almost £80 million yester

day after the supplier of

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The company yesterday

reported a rise in pre-tax

profits to E6.2 million, from E2 million, in the six months

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said that there had been a

deterioration in trading con-

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half-year, wiping out sec-ond-half profits.

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below market expectations.

JAPAN'S politically sensitive trade surplus with the United Tokyo and Washington, after a period of relative calm.

As the trade figures were released yesterday, Andrew Card, president of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, criticised Japan's official policy of driving the yen down against the dollar to boost the economy. Speaking in Tokyo, Mr Card argued that the weak yen (trading yesterday at about 111 yen to the dollar) reats into progress on the trade front". and expressed a view that "the

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to 7.5p a share, from 3.6p, in

137 p, from 281 p, setting a

new low for the year. Mr

Chamberlain, who speaks

for 12 per cent of the shares.

suffered a paper loss of £2.37

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Forward Group

hit by warning

By Martin Barrow

yen-dollar relationship should be 100 yen to the dollar". Market-players speculated

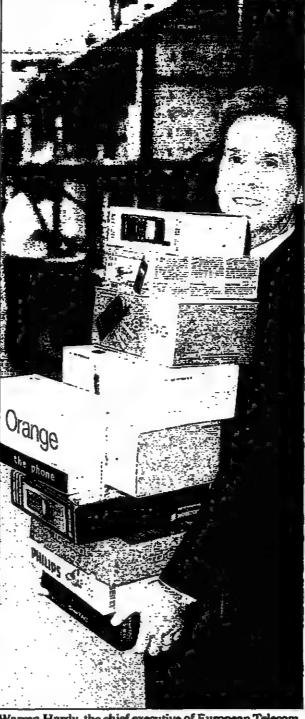
that pressure from American business leaders might lead the US Government to push down the value of the dollar against the yen in an attempt to redress the trade imbalance. It was the contentious trade gap with America that led to lierce trade rows in the past and made the yen shoot up in the first place.

Japan's overall trade sur-plus continued to shrink for the 23rd consecutive month. falling 12.9 per cent in October, from a year earlier, to 470.86 billion yen. Economists said the decline in October by strong export growth was mainly because of a 41.6 per cent increase in Japan's oil import bill and predicted a rising global surplus soon. Yasushi Okuda, a finance

ministry official, said the rise in car exports was a reaction to the much lower level prevailing until the spring because of the strong yen. "As overall ex-port prices of Japanese products have been decreasing. we will see a reasonable yearon-year increase," he said.

Economists said that the pace of reimports of goods made in Japan's offshore factories, which had boosted import figures, was slowing due to higher import costs. Mr Card said: "The Japa nese automakers are slash-

ing reimports from their North American plants and maybe reconsidering their resolve to source more parts



Warren Hardy, the chief executive of European Telecom, the mobile phone distributor, reported doubled pre-tax profits, to £1.53 million, in the half year to September 30. Group earnings advanced 60 per cent, to 4.lp per share.

Wise Speke placing assumes £15m value

WISE SPEKE, the northern stockbroking and fund management group, is coming to the market through a placing that is expected to value the company at about £15 million.

Shares for employees will be one of the spin-offs of the deal that accompanies streamlining by its parent, Ockham Holdings, which is reducing its stake from 100 per cent to 60 per cent. In addition, a placing of new shares is expected to raise at least £3 million, net of expenses. The placing, aimed at institutions and private inves-tors, will be fully underwrit-ten by Beeson Gregory, the issue's sponsor and adviser.

Dealings are expected to begin later this month. Nigel Sherlock, chief executive, said employees would be offered various incentives, including save-as-you-earn schemes and share options. Directors would be offered "quite modest" parcels of shares. Discretionary fund man-

agement, corporate finance and financial planning are among the areas targeted for expansion. Wise Speke expects to make a pre-tax profit of £2.25 million in the year to December 31, including £0.65 million in respect of discontinued operations. The firm has 251 employees and manages £2.1 billion on behalf of more than 19,000 dients.

Ockham has made steady progress since metamorphosing out of Sturge, the former Lloyd's managing agent. The company has announced its withdrawal from aviation and non-marine underwriting. and intends to increase investment in motor insurance,

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Jarvis Porter expects better second half

JARVIS PORTER, the supplier of labels, packaging and promotional products, encountered mixed trading conditions in the first six months of the year but said that the second half has started more strongly. Paul Jarvis, the chairman, said the benefits of restructuring would start to flow through in the

rest financial year.

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August 31. There was a £1 million charge for
reorganisation costs. Earnings fell to 7.1p a share, from
10 2p. but the interim dividend is lifted to 2.35p a share. 10.2p, but the interim dividend is lifted to 2.35p a share, from 2.15p. At one point yesterday the shares rose 10p. to 2122 p. The company said that the outcome for the second half would depend on maintaining the same level of demand for its spirits labels as that seen in the past two months, and on a continuation of the stronger growth in demand from electronics customers.

WS Atkins in charge

WS ATKINS, the engineering consultancy that floated on the stock market in July, has been appointed project management consultant to the first phase of the £1.7 billion LG Electronics industrial development in South Wales. Phase one involves the development of facilities to manufacture electronic components, including parts for televisions and computer monitors. LG's investment in Newport will create up to 6,100 jobs. and WS Atkins shares rose 17p to 339 2 p.

Kvaerner sells retail site

KVAERNER, the shipbuilding and engineering group, is raising £18.85 million with the sale of the Liberty 2 shopping centre at Romford, Essex, the only major retail investment held by Trafalgar House Property, now a Kvaerner subsidiary. The buyer is Grosvenor Asset Management. The 85,000 sq ft centre was developed by Trafalgar House in 1989, but, by 1994, had achieved occupancy of just 50 per cent. A marketing campaign over the past two years has achieved virtually full occupancy. Rental income is about £1.7 million.

London Industrial ahead

LONDON INDUSTRIAL, the specialised provider of workspace to small businesses, achieved a 26.4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £2.3 million, in the six months to September 30. Earnings were 23 per cent higher, at 11.4p a share. The interim dividend is increased 12.5 per cent, to 4.5p a share, payable on February 3. Net asset value increased to 351p a share, from 344p. The annual rent reached £13.4 million, up 6.3 per cent since the end of March.

Newly qualified chartered, incorporated engineers and technicians

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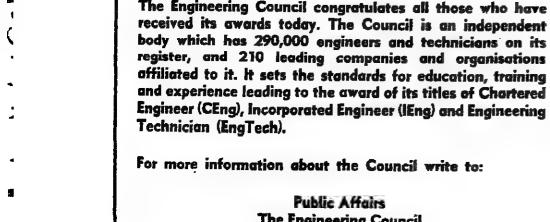
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The wizard new movies of Oz

CINEMA: Australian films have never been better — but will they get the distribution they deserve? Carol Allen reports

he first film made by the Australian director Nadia Tass, Malcolm, was a cheeky, anti-authority comedy about a bank raid. Her latest, Mr Reliable, which opens in Britain this week, is also a checky anti-authority comedy, and with the same star. Colin Friels; but this one is based on the real-life story of Wally Mellish, who became a folk hero in 1968 when he conducted a bizarre eight-day siege against the might of the Sydney police force in

the full glare of the media. Some observers of Antipodean cinema claim that what is now emerging as a second Australian film renaissance began around the time of Malcolm, made in 1985. But it is in the 1990s that the really idiosyncratic, original, quintessentially "Oz" films have been making the same sort of impact on world cinema screens as filmmakers such as Peter Weir, Fred Schepisi, Philip Noyce and Gillian Armstrong made in the 1970s.

Presanna Vasudevan, head of the Australian Film Commission's office in London, points to Strictly Ballroom as a milestone. "It came as a shock to people to realise that Australian film-makers have diver-

sity," she says.
Since then we have had such films as The Piano (directed by New Zealander Jane Campion and shot in New Zealand, but developed and financed in Australia); the darkly satisfying comedy Muriel's Wedding: Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, a gay road movie featuring Terence Stamp as he had never been seen before; and the international hit *Babe*.

distributor outside their own land. "The problem is that one film like, say. Babe does well and distributors think, That's it for Australia this year." Vasudevan says, "Now the problem is to persuade buyers that more than one Australian film can be a hit."

This November is a particularly good time for viewing the wares. There are 12 Australian films in the London Film Festival. They include Mr Reliable and the high-concept Shine to Love and Other Catastrophes. a witty romantic youth com-edy from 23-year-old Emma-Kate

> 6 Inevitably the top Aussie talent often drifts to America 🤊

Croghan, who has the promise of a new Jane Campion: The Ouiet Room, which is a subjective study of a reclusive seven-year-old girl from Rolf de Heer, director of the startling Bad Boy Bubby: Tony Mahood's morality tale of a yupple doing community service in River Street; and George Miller's documentary about a century of Australian cinema, 40,000 Years of Dreaming.

The first three of these have British distributors, and Miller's film will eventually be seen on Channel 4 as part of the Centenary But there are many good Austra-lian films which never find a of Cinema series. But for many of the others their only opportunity to

be seen here is when they are shown in the Barbican's third Australian film season in February, which then does a short

national tour. For example, Michael Rymer's touching and perceptive debut film, Angel Baby, which starred the Irish actor John Lynch and Jacqueline McKenzie from Mr Reliable as a young couple coping with mental illness, was the highly praised hit of last February's Barbican season. but it failed to find a distributor and goes to video next month.

The big problem for all filmmakers outside Hollywood is finding their space in competition with the American giants. Inevitably much of the Australian talent is taken up by America. The latest is Baz Luhrmann, the creator of Strictly Ballroom, whose contemporary American take on Romeo and Juliet is currently riding high in the US box-office charts. Weir. Noyce and Schepisi have managed to survive in Hollywood without losing their unique voice. Others. such as Tass, who went there in 1992 to make Pure Luck with Danny Glover, Martin Short and Sam Wanamaker, found the studio politics and the restrictions excruciating.

The film made buckets of money for Universal but I don't want to do the Hollywood bit again." Tass says. "I'd rather make the sort of film I want to make in Australia." Tass is also wary of the effect when Hollywood moguls, im-

pressed by the big bucks a lowbudget Australian movie has made, decide they want a bit of the action. "If your money comes from Hollywood you need their stamp of approval. They put money into

pins it.



Michael Rymer's debut film Angel Baby, starring John Lynch and Jacqueline McKenzie as a young couple coping with mental illness

Cosi, which was originally a beau-tifully written play by Louis Nowra which I directed for the stage. As a film it was tugged, pulled and manipulated and it lost its heart. When the Hollywood formula comes inside our country, it really alters our sense of storytelling."

In his documentary, George Miller, whose directorial credits embrace the mayhem of Mad Max and the comic charm of Babe. attempts to nail down the Australian sense of film storytelling. which he likens to the narrative songs of the Aboriginal tradition. But there have been comparatively few films about the Aboriginal

members of Australian society. Fred Schepisi's The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith in 1978 was a critical success, yet the Australian public stayed away in droves. The subject is now resurfacing in such films as Nick Parsons's thriller Dead Heart, and the comedy Brand New Day that Tass is planning about a young Aboriginal boy in the pearl-diving area of

North West Australia. And there are other aspects of Australia's multicultural society to be dealt with. Clara Law's first Australian film. Floating Life, ex-plores the conflict of cultures through the experiences of an

immigrant Chinese family from Hong Kong. This is the first film made about the Chinese immigration experience and the first to be made largely in Cantonese," she explains. "Australia is such a mixture of different ethnic groups that I feel I can contribute to finding our common cultural

identity."

Meanwhile, films in production include the 19th-century immigrant experience of Peter Carey's Booker Prizewinning Oscar and Lucinda, currently being filmed by Gillian Armstrong with Ralph Fiennes and Cate Blanchett in the title roles, while David Parker is just finishing

shooting Diana and Me, which stars Toni Collette as an infatuated fan of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The only cloud on the horizon for the renaissance of Australian films is last summer's change of Govern-ment. As Tass explains: "We're a very small nation and we depend on government financing. Without it the industry would have died many years ago. But it's an enormously good investment. The Labor Government recognised this. The Liberals are cutting left, right and centre, which is really crippling. I try to remain optimistic so I can get on with the job of making movies."

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The soloist in Liszt's Piano

ORCHESTRAS: Daniele Gatti talks about his mammoth job at the ailing Royal Philharmonic, beginning with tomorrow's Royal Concert. Plus reviews

This year's Royal Concert should have special significance. Tomorrow's event at the Albert Hall will be Daniele Gatti's first appear ance as music director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and many hope that it will mark a new beginning for the embattled band. Last of the London orchestras in the Arts Council's affections, and troubled by the walkout of Vladimir Ashkenazy and firing of the managing director Paul Findlay, in its liftieth anniver-

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kind of boost Gatti should provide. The 35-year-old Gatti is not

walking into the job with his eyes shut, but comes full of determined energy. "We can prove ourselves. The only way to build morale is work, work and work. I'm not simplifying the situation — if we work well, our morale will improve. We have our residency in

want to know why." Things appear to be coming EXCLUSIVE OFFER THE SE TIMES A FREE **RETURN TICKET ON EUROSTAR**

> his Berlin Philharmonic debut next vear. Born and educated in Milan, in the best Italian tradition Gatti is equally at home in the concert hall and opera house. "Italy is the country of the lyric art, but it's important to do both kinds of music. I don't separate them, and I

Nottingham, but I think we can carve a really good niche for ourselves in London. I understand the funding problems of the past - sometimes the classical work was superficial, the bias was more commercial - and I believe that we will be rewarded if we improve. If we are not, I'll

right at the RPO, which has just announced the appointment of a new managing director, John Manger. He will work closely with Gatti, who is now the most "hands-on" conductor in London the RPO is the only orchestra at present with a music director. Gatti is not the first young Italian to become chief of a London orchestra: Muti's appointment to the Phil-harmonia 25 years ago comes to mind, and though Gatti lacks some of Muti's charisma, he is a solid, meticulous and versatile conductor in wide demand. He makes

wouldn't like to be labelled as a conductor of one or the other. In both I'm now searching for the big arch that spans any

'We can make it work' work, the tension that under "When you are young you doing Mendelssohn.

tend to underline the little details first, you see the micro not the macro. Now I'm experiencing music a different way, and I think my studies of Toscanini recordings, which at first I didn't get at all, have helped. A performance must have life - I like conductors wind instruments. We're also looking at



Gatti: likes getting his hands dirty

who get their hands dirty." Gatti's first season with the RPO focuses on two composers: Mendelssohn and Richard Strauss, both included in tomorrow's concert. He plans the Mendelssohn cycle because "we have to provide a reason for people to attend our concerts, and Mendelssohn has been missing from the London scene. The standards

here are Brahms, Mahler, Bruckner and Shostakovich — it's sometimes difficult to hear a note of Mendelssohn. A good way to annroach an orchestra is to work on Classical music it could be Mozart, but we're

"It's also important for the orchestra to have continuity it's been changing style and repertory all the time. We'll be playing all the symphonies. the concertos and Elijah, music that is good for the string sound, good for the

> Strauss, because he wrote so well for the orchestra. I think the RPO could arrive at having an excellent sound for German music. The strings are warmer than in the other London orchestras." Gatti is also to become music director of the

Teatro Comunale in Bologna next season. His contract as principal guest conductor at Covent Garden will have run out, and he will be forsaking his other regular opera house, Chicago. "Like the RPO job, Bologna is a big step for me. It was the first Italian theatre I did much conducting in: I

grew up there. Opera requires long rehearsal peri-ods, so I'll be able to stay at home more." He is reluctant to commit himself to anything at the homeless Royal Opera until he knows where he would be working, so we are lucky that the RPO will be maintaining his presence in

Touch of the circus

Hungarian SSO/

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THE choice of encore was predictable. The surprise came when the Hungarian State Symphony Orchestra was actually playing Brahms's Hungarian Dance in G minor and the conductor reached out to the front desk of the violins and then to the front desk of the cellos and reversed their music stands in a ring-master's demonstration that they are capable of play ing the piece without a net.

Kenichiro Kobayashi clearly enjoys living dangerously. The delays, accelerations and teasing rhythms in the Brahms were a virtuoso study in exaggerating the Hungarian-gypsy idiom to a perilous extreme. He clearly also enjoys his relationship with the orchestra he has been working with for more than 20 years: after a second encore -Berlioz's Hungarian March - he linked arms with the

nearest instrumentalists as if posing for a seaside snap. In the seventh concert of an extensive tour of England and Wales - and in the encouraging acoustic of Symphony Hall - the Hungarian SSO was sounding brilliantly fresh. It has its technical

problems, not least in woodwind intonation, but in Kobayashi it has a principal conductor who does not seem to mind these things as long as he can rely on full-scale commitment and a readiness to take risks. The most rewarding example of what they can do in this way was Liszt's Les JOHN ALLISON | Préludes in a performance

accomplished first horn GERALD LARNER quite dramatically confirmed

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

MOZART'S DIVERTIMENTO,

IN MUSIC, "divertimento" has connotations of "diversions", "recreation" -- some thing stimulating, perhaps, but not too demanding. But in the late 18th century it specifically meant a work in five or six movements (two usually minuets) for chamber forces, designed for home entertainment. in formal terms, Mozart's Divertimento in D Flat for String Trio certainly qualifies; but background music for a substantial dinner? It is generally agreed that the work is too good for that.

There is humour, convivial wit, but of a kind that demands serious attention, and there are moments where the mood darkens, and more painful emotions are expressed. For me the ideal performance should convey both facets without siding with one or the other.

As to recordings, the buyer is not spoilt for choice: there are ten recordings in the current catalogue, but only five are worth serious consideration. For those who want period instruments, there is an imposing performance from L'Archibudeli (Sony Classical), a polished ensemble, with remarkably good intonation and a fine sense of style, but

inclined to austerity, especially in the two slow movements. Austere is the last word one would use for the other Sony offering from Gidon Kremer. Kim Kashkashian and Yo-Yo BUILDING LIBRARY

Ma. They are very musical, and their enthusiasm is wonderful, but it can lead to expressive exaggeration in the profound Adagio. At least they are never quite as cloyingly heart-on-sleeve as Joseph and Lillian Fuchs and Paul Tortelier, recorded live at the Prades Festival in 1953 (Koch International), but there is so much vitality in this performance, especially in the wickedly funny Andante variations, that it deserves to be

heard, despite the poor sound. Jascha Heifetz, William Primrose and Emanuel Feuermann made their recording 12 years earlier, but it sounds clearer and more immediate the excellent Biddulph transfer. This is very fresh playing, expressively and intellectually compelling. But the performance I find myself drawn back to comes from the Grumiaux Trio on Philips (446 234-2, £9.99). There is a gentler, perhaps more introverted approach, but the subtlety, intensity and grace of expression are incomparable. No ensemble better conveys the charming ambiguity of the finale, or the sense that this is the end of a unique musical

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Just William both of them

IT IS the week for monumental works in London, John Allison writes. On Sunday. two nights before the ENO opening of Zimmermann's Die Soldaten, William Bolcom's Songs of Innocence and Experience had its first British performance under the auspices of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Massive forces crowded the Festival Hall platform: an orchestra augmented by extra brass and percussion, mandolin, harmonica, electric guitars. acoustic guitar, piano and organ, a BBC Symphony

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Children's Choir, and no few-

Bolcom's William Blake set-

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ting (premiered in 1984) is not quite an oratorio, not quite a

BBC SO/Slatkin Festival Hall

song cycle. The movements, 46 vocal numbers plus a few orchestral interludes, are too short to be symphonic chunks, but there is something symphonic about the work's striving to embrace the world. Leonard Slatkin shaped a smoothly flowing perfor-mance that stressed this di-

Bolcom manages to get inside every genre; no line is ever completely predictable, none of the more sugary styles is ever 100 saccharine. Bolcom has made Blake his own: it is a totally American work, but then the social upheavals that

Blake witnessed were echoed across the At-

The two numbers that worked least weil were melodramas over accompaniment, though the narrator's overdeliberate stressing of words in The Chimney Sweeper in Innocence was little help. Some lilting tunes of the kind Blake might have recognised worked better than others; one of the best was in The Echoing Green, where choral singing was punctuated by bursts of

David Rendall, Christine Brewer and Sarah Walker all made strong contributions, but none matched the young baritone Paul Whelan in his

keen response to the words, especially in his Voice of the Ancient Bard. Linda Hohenfeld had simplicity and a shining soprano in numbers such as A Cradle Song. and Nan Christie sang with inspiring involvement, above all in

Joan Morris, the composer's wife, brought squeaky-clean country style to all her numbers, and wit to The Little reggae of Cruelty has a Human Heart, a chillingly pow-

Vagabond. But the show was almost stolen by the rock singer André De Shields, who was slick in a variety of softrock and ballad numbers, and along with Slatkin he led the entire platform in the cool

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In the heat of battle: Paul Nash's Second World War paintings go on show in London



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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on Paul Nash's powerful paintings of air combat; plus classic American photography

At war in the observer's cockpit

First World War, Paul Nash stands out in his impassioned, eloquent indignation. He was an unlikely candidate for the task. Before 1914, his precocious reputation rested on small, visionary watercolours and drawings of the countryside he loved best. Shying away from machine-age modernity and identifying instead with Blake, Palmer and Rossetti, he seemed destined for a life of dreamfuelled rural seclusion.

First-hand experience of the Western Front changed him irrevocably. After being invalided home as a soldier, he obtained a government commission and returned to Passchendaele as an official war artist. The terrain, destroyed and unrecognisable after a punishing yet militarily fruitless struggle. shocked him into a sudden, decisive maturity. He decided to become "a messenger", whose work would convince the British that war was "unspeakable, godless, hope-less". In paintings as bitterly pro-testing as the ironically titled We Are Making a New World, he condemned the devastation with unforgettable trenchancy.

Several of these earlier canvases are at the Imperial War Museum in the gallery next to Aerial Creatures, an illuminating and well-researched survey of Nash's relatively neglected Second World War work. Sir Kenneth Clark, chairman of the committee responsible between 1939 and 1945 for funding a prodigious range of war art, ensured that Nash played a role from the outset. Remembering the great paintings of 1918, he responded enthusiastically to

Nash's request for employment. But both men knew that the outcome would be radically different from the images inspired by Passchendaele. For one thing, the 50-year-old artist was no longer able to survey the conflict at close quarters. Already plagued by the ill-health that would kill him in 1946, he was forced to stay at a remove from the reality of battle. Moreover, his style had undergone startling changes in the intervening period. Veering between the British landscape tradition and an avantgarde fascination with Surrealism, he sometimes seemed uncertain

about his central identity. Nash's appointment as official war artist to the Air Ministry in March 1940 might suggest that his concerns had shifted, quite unexpectedly, from the land to the sky. In one sense they had: convinced that "machines were the real protagonists" in this struggle, he quickly grew convinced that "aeroplanes seemed paramount". The Surrealist side of his imagination became fascinated by their resemblance to predatory creatures.

in other ways, though, Nash's appointment revived longstanding preoccupations. They emphasise the underlying continuity in his work, not least an obsession with flight that stretched back as far as boyhood dreams. He had often seen himself floating like a leaf or bird, just above the tree-tops.



Paul Nash's The Messerschmidt in Windsor Great Park, the work of a man who, forbidden to fly in the Second World War, still captured the realities of combat

him, especially when he found himself able, by "something like a powerful breast stroke", to propel his body "through the ether". And the earliest exhibit in the show, a 1910 student drawing called Com-bat (Angel and Devil), is dominated by a winged Pre-Raphaelite swordsman trying to protect him-self from a beaked and feathered demon descending from the sky with hawk-like ferocity.

To his intense frustration, Nash never succeeded in getting airborne during the Second World War. mission always foundered when doctors pronounced him unfit to fly. So he had to rely on pilots' accounts and newspaper descriptions, as well as taking his own photographs to supplement eyeto wonder what Nash might have painted if his flying fantasies were fulfilled. Seeing the world from an airborne vantage could have pushed him towards a greater degree of abstraction, like his Slade contemporary Edward Wadsworth

during the First World War. The experience of flight may not, however, have benefited his art. Confined to the ground. Nash began visiting Cowley Dump near

Oxford and studied wrecked aircraft. Encountering these battered remnants was enormously fruitful, leading him to produce within months the finest of all his Second World War paintings: Totes Meer. Beneath a spectral moon, the gashed wings and shattered hellies of German planes are heaped in a low-lying landscape. The harshly illuminated carcasses cast ominous shadows on the earth. From a purely propagandist point of view, Tores Meer could be seen as a patriotic celebration of effective British resistance. But the over-whelming emotion is elegiac. Nash young German pilots as he surveys these brittle metallic fragments And the choice of picture title indicates that he linked the broken forms with his earlier paintings of a

vave-pierced sea. Here, more than anywhere, is the link with his experience in the previous war. For Nash started painting seascapes at Dymchurch on the south coast after he had completed his great Western Front canvases of 1918-20. Exhausted by the horrors he had witnessed, and suffering physically from the after-effects of a gas attack, he saw Dymchurch Strand as a postwar wasteland. The water seems frozen

possibly reflecting the glacial condition of Nash's own traumatised

He gave the theme its definitive expression in an even stacker rainting called Winter Sea. Begun in 1925 but only finished 12 years

> **6** He became fascinated by aircraft's resemblance to predatory creatures 9

suggests that he remained haunted by a fear that the world might never recover from the estastrophic blight inflicted by the Great War. In this respect, Winter Sea is prophetic of the hostilities renewed only two years after its completion. And its successor, Totes Meer, fulfils that prophecy in the most mournful manner imaginable. Although finished in 1941, the paintthat everything, even violence itself, has somehow come to an end in this chill, glinting graveyard. None of Nash's subsequent pio

tures conveyed the tragedy of war with the same power. Determined to experiment, he produced a large Battle of Britain painting later in the same year. This time, however, he adopts a more distant vantage and revels in the undulating white trails left by the airtraft as they dodge, weave and plummet through the sky. Painted with greater freedom than Totes Meer, it nevertheless verges on the decora-

tive. Nash appears to be entranced

by semi-abstract pattern-making.

and in danger of forgetting the bleak reality of death altogether In a more propagandist mood, he was capable of making anti-Ger-man collages. A 1942 series called Follow the Führer shows a flying shark devouring Luftwaffe bombers, and an army of yelling skulls abandoned in the Soviet snow. On the whole, though, a gentler mood prevails. Nash often seems capivated by the lyrical spectacle of Whitleys taking off at sunrise, Hampdens at sunset, and longhaul planes in the moonlight. The romance of flight triumphs over the

fell purpose of their journeys.

Only in a large, culminating canvas called Battle of Germany

does he finally acknowledge that the pilots travels end in devastation on an apocalyptic scale. Dark, noxious smoke spreads upwards from the ground, appearing to solidify in the air and then ooze like a bloodstain above a band of blue identified by Nash himself as "part; of a shell-shocked sky".

ecause it was more abstract than Nash's previconfessed to a feeling of "apologetic bewilderment and incomprehension" when he viewed the newly completed canvas in 1944. But the truth is that Battle of Germany is a more vital and adventurous achievement than the dogged, overliteral and clumsy Defence of Albion painted two

years before Conscious that he did not have long to live. Nash attempted in Battle of Germany to push his art towards a new synthesis. Topical reportage is fused, here, with visionary insight descending parachutes are simplified in the same summary, elemental way as the colossal moon. Even as Nash's physical strength ebbed away, his imaginative stamina strove for renewal to the end.

◆ Aerial Creatures is at the Imperial War Museum (0171-416-5000) to Jan 26

Evil of Us:

London. As the new show at the Boundary Gallery demonstrates, it is unwise to take one's eyes off her for a moment she is blissfully unpredictable. For some time now she has been hovering on the edge of abstraction. It is clear that her apparent subjects, when they can be unequivocally disentangled, are little more than pretexts for her joyous romps with paint. The oil paint may be washed on thin. like watercolour, or laid on almost literally with a trowel. And always this range of dazzling colour which shows her as a true heir of the Scottish Colourists. The ostensible subjects this time are women, and sometimes horses, on a beach. Or, in pastel, scenes from rural France. The style is unmistakable, the ripe sensuality of it all irresistible. Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (0171-624 1126), Wed-Sat Ham-opm, until Jan 18 (closed Dec 22-Jan 4).

■ ON THE early bird principle, a young Swedish naval lieutenant visiting Japan in 1887 would be well placed to collect the cream of Japanese art objects then available. But the unnamed Swede, ultimately an admiral, who amassed the collection now on view at Eskenazi clearly had taste as well as enthusiasm, and what he acquired on the spot merely whetted his appetite, so that his collection was subsequently augmented from leading European dealers. The tradition has apparently been kept up by the three subsequent generations of his descendants. The result is a dazzling assemblage of 55 inro and 27 boxes dating from the 16th to 19th centuries. An inro is in fact a special form of box intended as a traveiling writing cabinet cum purse, and while some are exquisitely elegant and simple, others are very elaborate indeed. Though one requires specialised knowledge to recognise the symbolism of the motifs, the extraordinary beauty of design and workman-ship is accessible to everybody. Bekenazi, 10 Clifford Street, WI (0171-493 5464), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm. Sat 10gm-1pm, until Nov

■ THE preoccupation of Victorian artists with fairles presumably has something to do with a retreat from grown-up life and, even more, grown-up sex. But at least the new show at the Maas Gallery, The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of, indicates that what is thrust out through the door tends to creep back through the window. The supposed insubstantiality of fairy folk certainly permits an astonishing variety of bare breasts; diaphanous garments and suggestive poses. The imagery is often unconsciously sexual and in some cases, as with Richard Doyle's Rumpelstiltskin picture, consciously so. This may be just a narrow tributary to the great stream of Victorian art, but the veiled charms are sufficiently manifest. Maas Gailery, 15a Clifford Street, WI (0171-734 2302), Mon-Fri 10am-

5pm, until Dec 20.

RUSSELL TAYLOR

Striking camp

BY SUBTITLING his one-man show My life with Kenneth Williams. David Benson leads us to expect another warts-and-all exposure from a notetaking lover. We soon discover that the two men never met. although their paths did cross when Williams read a story the 13-year-old Benson sent to a Jackanory competition. The young author was mornified because a) he had hoped for Spike Milligan, and b) since the whole school knew Williams was the arch-priest of camp, he (Benson) was now tarred with the same embarrassing brush. Only after Williams

killed himself did Benson find he wanted to speak with the dead man's voice, and make those extraordinary expressions with eyebrows, nose and mouth. When he is being himself

Benson has the look of a young James Cagney, and it is as himself that he speaks in the central section of his show. The substantial length of this comes as a surprise, until we understand that his show is the occusion for exorcising his own demons, and that they are as dark as those which tormented the arch-priest. The show contains many

Williams phrases, and uncountable intonations of the sorts of word he would THEATHE

Think No **Evil of Us** King's Head, NI

single out for attention -"unrestrainedly". "otiose" - turning his mouth to lift the word up for inspection and at the same time chew it to death. But instead of reproducing familiar sketches. Benson selects or creates material and delivers it as Williams might have done: a Hiawatha parndy, Williams ogling a muscular road digger, and Williams longing to be dead.

It is to put his self-disgust into some kind of context that Benson steps back into himself and hopscutches along his own life, landing usually on the squares marked with his mother's name. You can see that Benson wants this to engage with his account of Williams, and it doesn't really do so. But even if the show has not yet found its best and final shape the material is fascinating. Benson himself has a winning charm, and his portrait of the uglier aspects of Williams is an eye opener.

JEREMY KINGSTON

American snaps that crackle and pop

John Russell Taylor on an exhibition of high-quality photography at the Victoria and Albert Museum

Park Avenue traffic light look fairly bland and noncommittal: just another day. But their backscar passenger thinks other-wise. He rears up, gibbering with fury at whoever has just pulled up behind: the photographer, presumably, but more immediately, us. He is, of

course, a pet monkey. So what Few photographers have matched Gary Winogrand's skill at catching the bizarre at the heart of everyday New York, and this 1959 image in the current Victoria and Albert show American Photography 1890-1965 is not even one of his more Surreal. But it does assert itself as quintessentially in the American photographic

Obviously this collection of 185 pictures from the Museum of Modern Art. New York, has been very carefully and rigorously selected. The quality is extraordinarily high - definitely a show about photography as an arr - and the principle of selection seems to be fairly even-handed. Without claiming to be comprehen-

avoid many of the most famous, inescapable images and still be decemby representative. The turning point in the show comes just before the First World War, as it did in

invention. many arts in many countries. What happens then is the rise of Modernism: the older, can art you tend to find it painting-based pictorialist tradition is swept aside by the new men and women, Stiegliz and his associates, who were determined to establish photography as an art in its own right. But whereas in Europe similar movements led to a lot of abstraction and Surrealistic manipulation of the image, in America the Modernist solution was to look with ever acy at the world around. What Henry James called

"the tone of the times" still counted, however. Photography could not be an isolated nomenon. But if we can see an evident relationship between a photograph such as Wright Morris's Gano Grain Elevator, Western Kansas (1939), with its simple, abstract geometry, and the Precisionist painting of the interwar years in America, at least it seems that photography leads, and

also establishes another prin-ciple in American photography: that it all arises out of observation rather than

Consequently, if you look for the experimental in Ameriwearing a documentary dis-guise. Paul Outerbridge's Ide Collar (1922) is a perfect abstraction, the curve cutting across a rigidly chequered background, but it is also an accurate depiction of a collar displayed against a chess-board. Edward Weston's Hot Coffee, Mojave Desert (1937) is a model Surrealist image, the giant cup and saucer sitting comfortably in the middle of a sandy waste, but it is also recognisable as a naive advertisement just waiting for some-

one to see the funny side. Some of the earlier photography in the show is very evidently calculated. One wonders how long it took Frances Benjamin Johnston to set up Stainedy of Treasurer's Residence, Students at Work (1899). But probably the famously unsparing documenpictures of Diane Arbus, with their relentless parade of



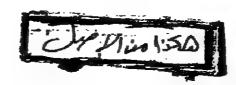
The montage Hot Shot East Bound at lager, WV (1939), by O. Winston Link

grotesques, took just as much rouble to arrange. Even with a painter like Charles Sheeler behind the camera, the image of a corner of his studio looks studiously unarranged, and frequently when the most formidable technique is brought to bear it is used mainly to convince us that the picture resulting is just a happy snapshot: who would guess at glance that O. Winston Link's evocation of a drive-in movie. Hot Shot East Bound at lager, WV (1939), is in fact pieced together from eight

for more separate exposures? Maurice Bowra once proposed a North-South division of the world into cultures more interested in drink and cultures more interested in sex. When asked where the United States fitted in, he opined: "Drink masquerading as sex." In much the same way, the proper stance for American photography seems to be art masquerading as accident.

 American Photography 1890-1965 is at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (017)-938 8349) until Jan 26







■ CHOICE I

Allen Ginsberg's Howl USA is set to music for the Kronos Quartet VENUE: Tonight at the the Festival Hall



■ CHOICE 2 Helen Field stars in James

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TATE GALLERY: An environment of Works trees the Ted Power Collection opens today: Power (1893-1993) was both a trustee of the Tale, from 1968-78, a generous supporter of the Gallery and an adventurous collector of modern European and American art of the postwar period. The exhibition includes neces to 8 fearouse. Poeble, Dubuffat. preces by Brencusi, Picabia, Dubuffet, Oldenburg and Beurys.

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Sting gets a warm reception as he opens his tour on a cold night in Dublin

POP: Ireland is charmed by the Police man; but Lightning Seeds and Shed Seven fail to please

Englishman woos Dublin

say about Sting, there can be no doubting his masterful ability to please his audience. Through a combination of personal charm, erudite musicianship and a singing voice as golden as his hair, he served up a show that had the crowd eating out of his

Such was the force of Sting's musical and physical presence that by the time the final note

Sting The Point, Dublin

of the closing ballad, Fragile. filtered through the speakers, the 30-minute warm-up set by Shawn Colvin seemed but a distant memory. To be fair, the South Dakota songstress acquitted herself as well as could be expected under the circumstances, but with an acoustic guitar as the sole canvas on which to paint her love-addled portraits, one couldn't help feeling that a much smaller. more intimate venue would have been a more appropriate setting for her talents.

Sting, an Englishman in Dublin for the first of a threenight stint in an all-seated Point, could find himself being granted the freedom of the city by the end of his tenure. On a bitterly cold night, it was apt that he should open proceedings with The Hounds of Winter, from his most recent album, Mercy Falling. Snapping at its heels were a clutch

"Sting, an Englishman in Dublin for three nights, could find himself granted the freedom of the city by the end of his stint

of songs from the record: I Hung My Head, an almost biblical first-person narrative of death, revenge and guilt; ! Was Brought to my Senses, where love and nature commune in perfect harmony, and Let Your Soul Be Your Pilot. an exhortation to an uncertain

Them Free was the first scent we got of Sting's popular chart smashes, and this was followed by the old Police hit Every Little Thing She Does is

If You Love Somebody Set

Magic.
Sting's band were uniformly excellent, matching virtuosity with enthusiasm, graft with jazz, soul, folk and rock into a wholly accessible pot-pourri. For the common touch, Sting brought on three members of the audience to help him to sing I'm So Happy I

Can't Stop Crying, a song about divorce that descended

flamboyance, as they mixed be a consummate professional who could outcharm any chat show host. A funked-up Rox-anne as well as the obligatory Every Breath You Take and Englishman In New York were also given the once over by the tireless superstar.

NICK KELLY

Sugar with spice

Lightning Seeds Cambridge Corn Exchange

THE Lightning Seeds' history would to be linked irrevocably to football. Not only is their Life of Riley used by BBC's Match of the Day, but their Three Lions continues to echo Euro 96 fades. But the football connection is misleading; the group's real ability is to deliver records that are a radio producer's dream: perky pop songs with sugary choruses that stick to you like candyfloss. What works wonderfully

snatched moments on the radio, however, does not always transfer well to the stage. Sweet melodies that grab attention among the routine bustle of casual listening can become cloying in

concert. It is a danger that the Lightning Seeds do not quite avoid. Not that any lover of bold tunes has much to complain about. The evening is full of them. From the rollicking delights of the opener to the encore, the group produces a string of hooks that recall the best of Sixties pop innocence: all of them the product of Ian Broudte's comprehensive musical skills.
Until recently the Lightning Seeds

were, in fact, a one-man band. Broudie did everything. Now he has a fourpiece band to keep him company on stage and in the studio. It is a pity, though, that they perform more as accompanists than as equals. Their playing seemed rather too polite to generate much sense of drama. Meanwhile Broudie himself acts the reluctant star, and his voice, which has an appealing plaintiveness on record, sounded rather frail in concert. But it will take more than a slightly wooden show to destroy the pleasures of hits like Lucky You, Perfect and Change, or to dent the irresistible sweep of the next single, Sugar Coated Iceberg.

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Shed Seven have scrapped hard to win a place on the lower rungs of the post-Britoop elite. The York four-piece have yet to produce the defining anthem that would attract the maximum audience. but they have become frequent visitors to the singles chart — five appearances in the Top 40 this year alone, and nine

This year, their tolerably successful second album, A Maximum High, confirmed Shed Seven's place in the lower order of top-flight British modern rockers. But, while the evidence of singles such as Getting Better and On Standby has suggested a guitar combo

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By Jessica Gorst-Williams

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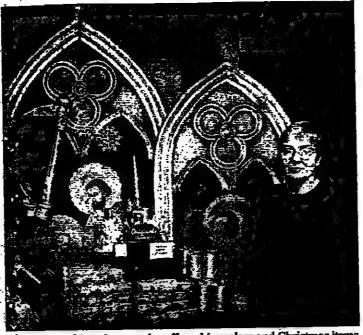
WHEN Betty Bass's husband and father died within four years, she switched from a failing shop selling and repairing watches to building up a business selling high-quality cutting instruments and cuttery.

Since Mrs Bass took over Breeds the Cutler in Tunbridge Wells. Kent, with her son, Rodney, in 1979 the stock has diversified to include an unusual range of quality china and glass, special kitchen equip-ment and Christmas presents.

Mrs Bass's father ran Sydney Smith, a jewellers in Tonbridge that had been started by her grandfather in 1904. Besides helping on same days, she had her own business engraving silver, jewellery, and trophies for a sports firm. Then, while she was expecting her fourth child, her husband died

from a heart attack. He was 43 and Mrs Bass was 35. She recalls: "I persuaded my father to let me take over his business, which by then was mainly watches and repair work. Four years later my father died and within two years the main watchmaker died, too, leaving the repairing side in a sorry state.

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£300,000 a year. Their stock of cutlery had expanded, with highquality continental products. In 1989 concerns about fire

hazards precipitated a move to a two-storey, 6,000 sq ft property with wide display windows fronting on to the main street near the station. This was in The Great Hall, a leading arcade. Mrs Bass's daughter, Deborah, set up a successful cookshop downstairs. They also expanded into porcelain tableware and set up a Christmas decoration department, which has doubled its turnover year by year.

Sales doubled to £750,000 in 1990. A year later a new shopping precinct opened at the top of the town, driving down turnover to about £400,000. Since then it has drifted back to nearer £300,000.

Three years ago they had to move to smaller premises in the same arcade, without the good frontage. They were dealt another blow when the Dillons bookshop and other businesses closed, so that fewer people were attracted to their side of the town. They still have to find £12,000 a year for business rates and the mortgage is some way from being paid off.

They hope that Christmas will bring some cheer. In the past two years Mrs Bass has been extending the Christmas business, mainly in and around London.

Consultancy tells how to fight winter blues

By BRIAN COLLETT

THOUSANDS of small businesses are being warned about damage from SAD — seasonal affective dis-order. Clients of Office Angels, the recruitment consultancy, will receive a mailshot advising them to watch employees for the winter malaise characterised by depression, excessive sleeping and overeating.

Another symptom of SAD is rest-lessness leading to a change of job. Paul Jacobs, the consultancy's customer services director, said: "Some of the briskest movement of staff happens as Christmas approaches. and after Christmas there is a real rush."

Joanne King, operations director of Office Angels, said: "We have had increasing reports of SAD. It is clearly an issue that employers need to be a support of the control to recognise and address. It doesn't just go away, at least not until the

SAD victims are often seen as merely run-down physically or "generally fed up", Mr Jacobs said, though the condition appears to be related to restricted sunlight.

The warning is aimed especially at smaller companies, partly because the underperformance or sickness absence of one or two members of a small workforce can lower productivity disastrously.

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Furthermore, small businesses may lack the access to information that is enjoyed by large companies. A suggested medical explanation of SAD is that the pineal gland reacts badly to poor light and

restricts melatonin, the hormone that counters depression.

The consultancy is therefore advising employers to fit natural daylight bulbs. Other morale boosters, it says, could be staff outings and winter pay reviews. Employees themselves can help to ward off SAD by taking vigorous

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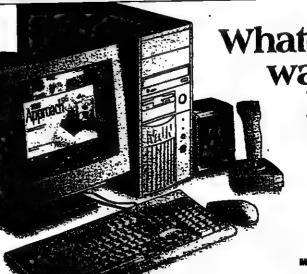
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The battle to stay the best

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feeling vulnerable. Despite John Major's hopes of a grammar in every town, the schools' national association fears for the survival of the 161 fully selective schools.

In Labour and Liberal Democrat areas, the National Grammar Schools Association advises members to opt out to help to preserve themselves after the next general election. More than 100 have already done so.

Grammar schools will dominate the top of tomorrow's national league table and took 21 of the 32 places in the school inspectors' inaugural list of outstanding schools. But clash of political ideology impinge more on the shape of Britain's schools than over the selection of

A glimpse of the battle ahead can be found in the North West, where Labour controlled Trafford council and its five selective schools are at loggerheads. The authority's determination to scrap them has encouraged moves towards grantmaintained status.

First to opt out of local authority control was Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, its sister girls school is waiting for ministerial approval, Urmston Grammar School is due to receive the result of its parental vote today, Stretford Grammar sent parents their ballot papers last week and Sale Grammar is expected to vote soon.

Bryan Purvis, head of Altrineham Grammar School for Boys, The chairman of education and the leader of the council have both said that if a Labour govern-

status means we become our own admissions authority and unless there is primary legislation prohibiting selection we have to be individually reorganised rather than the whole education authority being reorganised in one go."

Altrincham Boys uses an II-plus test provided for 30 schools in the Grant-maintained Consortium for Admissions by the National Foundation for Education Research. In two-and-a-half hours on a single

day, the children take a series of electronicallymarked multiple choice tests and write an essay, with the top 30 per cent going to the Mr Purvis said a

shake-up in Trafford could cost as much as £4 million for new buildings. He added: 'We have a totally

different view of what we are aiming for. They are aiming for social engineering and I want the best for the individuals I have to look after."

Dave Acton, chairman of Trafford's education committee, said the £4 million figure had been 'plucked out of the air" and that a comprehensive system would bring bureaucratic savings and local

Mr Acton added: "We want to move to a non-selective education system, but we would only do that after full consultation following a change of government. We would want to put forward proposals with the least disruption.

Nationally, Liberal Democrats oppose any further selection and would abolish grant-maintained status, returning all schools to Church or local authority status. It would then be left to the local authority to set admissions policies.



Altrincham Girls' Grammar faces a fight with Trafford council to maintain its status

The national Labour leadership has moved to calm fears raised by tension in Trafford and elsewhere. it plans to make all secondaries either community, aided or foundation schools. The local education authority will set admission rules for community schools. Both the aided (Church schools) and foundation (ex-grant-maintained schools) will have to reach agreement with the local authority on admissions policy, except in the case of grammar schools.

A Labour spokesman said: "We have made separate provision for the lol historic grammar schools. If parents wish to change the admissions system they will be able to have a ballot" The Labour spokesman added:

The wording will be reasonable

and fair. The reason we have not gone into long definitions is because the situation varies in different parts of the country." Most grammar schools find themselves in Labour or Liberal Democrat council areas. Essex, run by Labour with the Lib Dems, has withdrawn its subsidy from children using buses to travel to grammars. Lincolnshire County Council refused to run the 11-plus testing system and the grammar schools administer it themselves.

Buckinghamshire, the last remaining Conservative shire county, has I3 grammars. There are 40 in Kent, 15 in Lincolnshire, eight in Essex, seven in Gloucestershire, sixin Berkshire and Birmingham, five Warwickshire and four in

Margaret Dewar, chairman of the National Grammar Schools Association, said: "They say they will give parents the vote which will see grammar schools disappear because seven out of ten parents in those areas will be secondary modern parents. It is categorically clear their intention is to destroy grammar schools."

She believes the selection proposals in the White Paper are a fudge. on Mr Major's vision. 'Mrs Dewar added: "I would say grant-maintained status is a good

way forward and 30 will go before the election. There will be a hell of a fight to save grammar schools, none of us have any intention of going quietly."

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Awards that tell their own story

he league tables are not the only clues to a good school. The symbols and logos displayed near its entrance or on its stationery can tell their

There is a range of awards that should reassure a prospective parent that the school is not heading for the rocks. A Charter Mark, the Investors in People (IIP) standard or a licence from the British Standards Institution (BSI) means that the school recognised by one of these bodies has voluntarily put itself through a complex assi and improvement process designed to enhance the service it provides. Some head teachers even regard the process as a rehearsal for inspection by the Office for Standards in Fducation.

The Charter Mark is "the people's mark of approval" and it was **Ambitious** launched by the Government in 1991 to improve service qualschools ity in the public sec-tor. In 1995, 224 don't wait Charter Marks were awarded, of which 18 for Ofsted went to schools. One of them is Thomas

Telford, a City Technology College (CTC) in Telford, Shrop-shire. Michael progress Douch, deputy head, said: "We felt we should aim for some form of external recognition. We chose the Charter Mark for two reasons. First, it's a prestigious national award. Second, we wanted something

case the students we serve." Charter Marks are hard to get. It took Thomas Telford three attempts. Only then could the school demonstrate its strength in all nine of the areas that Charter Mark focuses on: service standards and performance, information and openness, consultation and choice, courtesy and helpfulness, putting things right, value for user satisfaction, meamoney, user satisfaction, mea-surable or demonstrable im-

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Brooke Weston CTC, Corby, Northamptonshire, chose to apply for ISO EN 9002, a BSI licence. More than 60 per cent of British companies are registered with BSI but only a few schools. We were looking for a way of further improving the way in which we handled our clients' and saw working towards ac-creditation by BSI as a way of doing this," said Gareth Newman, principal. Among other changes Brooke Weston en-hanced the way it communicated with parents, with reports every eight weeks, flexible access to staff and even to lessons and many more meetings than is statutorily required.

Investors in People (IIP) is the

most widespread form of quality recognition among schools: 328 schools hold the stan-

dard. The emphasis is on staff development in the widest sense. In the case of Leigh CTC, Dartford, Kent, satisfying the IIP standard meant al and staff develonment procedures. All staff, ancillary: and to assess teaching, are now included on an equal basis. There were also other problems, such as poor communication

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that this is a school whose staff have sought a way of levering up the standard of their work. They did not just let things slide and hope for the best. They took positive action themselves and the logo is a mark of what they achieved.

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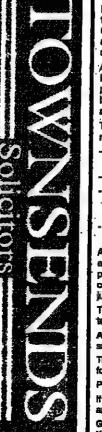
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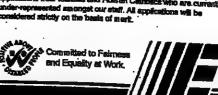
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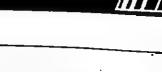
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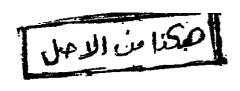
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Prisoners will spend less time behind bars under the new crime Bill, says David Thomas

the controversial Crime (Sentences) Bill is now before MPs. It manifests the Government's intention to get tough on crime. But close analysis shows that in reality it does the opposite. Virtually all offenders sentenced to cus-tody under the Bill will spend less time in prison than they would under the existing law.

This is the effect of Clause 21, which is central to the introduction of "honesty in sentencing". The clause provides that a court must "secure that the term imposed corresponds to the appropriate proportion of the term which the court would have imposed" before the Bill became law. The "appropriate proportion" is the period the offender would have actually spent in prison under the sentence. In the case of those sentenced to less than four years — 90 per cent of those sent to prison — that amounts to half of the

So in future, a judge will have to say: "Before the Crime (Sentences) Act became law, I would have sentenced you to three years; it follows that I must now sentence you to 18 months."

The offender benefits from this change in two ways: first, or she will be emitted under Clause 9 of the Bill to earn remission - "early release days" - at the rate of six days for each month of the sentence. Those sentenced to 18 months will carn up to 312 months' remission and can hope to be released after 1-12 months.

Secondly, under existing law a prisoner's sentence is not finished on release. For the remainder of the sentence he or she is "at risk"; if an offence is committed before the end of the court, a prisoner can be returned to prison to serve the balance of the sentence, in addition to any new sentence imposed for the later offence.

Under the Bill, this liability disappears. The offender will be released subject to a "release supervision order" iprovided the sentence is at least 12 months) but the supervision order will last for 15 per cent of the sentence or three months. whichever is the greater. A man or woman sentenced to 18 months under the Bill will be



The new get-tough crime Bill could release convicts like Ronnie Barker in Porridge sooner

under a release supervision order for only three months from the date of release. A prisoner who offends during that period can be ordered to serve a period equivalent to

All short-term prisoners those semented to less than four years under the present law) will be better off under the Bill, therefore, A man or woman sentenced to 12 months today will serve six months, and have a further six months "at risk" after release. Under the Bill, the sentence will be six months; he or she will be able to earn up to 36 early-release days and may expect to be released after serving four months and 24 days and not qualify for a

release supervision order as the sentence is less than 12 months and, therefore, have no "at risk" period at all.

A prisoner who would today be sentenced to two years does almost as well. Under present law, he or she will serve 12 months and be at risk for 12 months and on reoffending may be ordered to serve whatever remained of the original sentence on the day of the later offence, which could be anything up to 12 months.

But under the new proposals, the sentence will be 12 months, and the prisoner can hope to earn up to 72 earlyrelease days - equivalent to nearly 212 months' remission. if earned, he or she will be out of prison after 912 months, and

the release supervision order will last for three months. He or she will be liable to be returned to prison only through reoffending within that period, and the maximum months.

So, will the leniency of the new system of "honest sentencing" be balanced by the greater severity of the mandatory sentences? It seems unlikely. The Bill will provide a mandatory sentence of seven years for offenders convicted on a third occasion of dealing in class A drugs; but such offenders are extremely rare.

The Home Office cannot provide any statistics of their existence; a review of decisions of the Court of Appeal has

failed to trace a single example; and out of a group of more than 100 barristers practising daily in the criminal courts, only one could remember acting for a defendant who would have qualified for the mandatory sentence.

The mandatory three-year sentence for persistent burglars will not have an impact for several years. To qualify, a burglar will have to be convicted on three separate occasions of burglaries being committed after the Act comes into force.

For example, a burglar aged 30, who already has ten convictions for burglary representing perhaps as many as 100 separate offences, will find that his slate has been wiped clean under the Bill.

To qualify for a mandatory sentence, he or she will have to commit a series of offences, be convicted and sentenced for those, and repeat the process twice. This is likely to take at least five years, if not more.

That leaves the Bill's automatic life sentence for those convicted a second time of a 'serious offence". The Government claims that in 1994, 207 offenders convicted of a second serious offence did not receive life sentences.

No details of these cases have been published, but it is certain that none of them worried the Attorney-General enough to make him refer the case to the Court of Appeal and ask that court to impose a life sentence.

Only two of the cases referred by the Attorney-General in the relevant period involve offenders who would qualify for an automatic life sentence, and in neither did he ask the Court of Appeal to pass a life sentence. It seems likely that the

automatic life sentence will prove as much of a scarecrow as the rest of the Bill. As most offenders who will be caught by the automatic life sentence will not be judged to be a danger to the public — they have not been so judged by courts up to now, and the Attorney-General has not disagreed with the courts' assessments - most will be released from prison at about the same time as they would have been freed under the present law. ● Dr David Thomas. QC, is editor of Current Sentencing Practice

No need to act on witness payments

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issued a consultation paper inviting comments (by December 31) on the Government's provisional view that "legislation is needed to deal with the threat which payments to witnesses pose to the proper administration of justice.

The paper explains that if witnesses are paid (or offered payments) by newspapers for their stories, they may omit something from their evidence in court in order to enhance the value of their story for the front page, or they may exaggerate their court testimony to improve the headlines. Even if the evidence of the witness is untainted by the fact of payment, juries may doubt the veracity of testimony given in such circumstances, thus impeding the administration of justice.

These are powerful arguments. They have led the Government to suggest that the Contempt of Court Act 1981 should be amended to proscribe payments to witnesses.

or that a specific criminal offence should be created Whichever option is adopted, the Government suggests that the prohibitions would apply once criminal proceedings were imminent or pending. and if there were a risk of prejudice to those proceedings. The law would prohibit any payment of money, and "any gift or consideration".

The consultation paper addresses an old problem. After the trial of lan Brady and Myra Hindley in 1966, the Attorney-General told the House of Commons that he had decided not to bring proceedings against a newspaper which was alleged to have paid a prosecution wit-

ness a retainer and offered him a larger sum contingent on a guilty verdict. The Attorney-General said the Government would "examine these problems with a view to making such changes in the law as may prove

necessary". Nothing was done.
In 1974, the Phillimore Committee on Contempt of Court suggested that the prevalence of payments to witnesses should be investigated, with a view to considering whether legislation was needed. No action was taken. During the trial of Jeremy Thorpe and others in 1979, the evidence of a prosecution witness, Peter Bessell, was discredited in the eyes of the jury because The Sunday Telegraph had agreed to pay him an additional fee of £25,000 for his story if Mr Thorpe were to be convicted.

No action was taken, except for the Attorney-General prosecuting (unsuccessfully) the New Statesman for revealing what the members of the jury had thought about Mr Bessell and other witnesses. Earlier this year. • The auth when dismissing the appeal by Rosemary of All Soul's College, Oxford

Chief Justice Taylor said that the issue of media payments to witnesses should be reviewed because "in some circumstances it could put justice at risk".

There are three reasons why the concern about payments to witnesses in 1996 should receive the same response as it received in 1966, 1974 and 1979. First, there is no evidence that payments to witnesses pose any greater threat to the administration of justice than they have done in the past. This is partly because the code applied by the Press Complaints Commission prohibits such payments other than in exceptional circum-

Secondly, the Phillimore report correctly pointed out that there would be "difficulties in framing legislation". As the report ex-plained: "Clearly it would be going too far to prohibit all offers to witnesses, especially those which were not contingent upon the

outcome of the case. Much would depend on the size and Parliament would not wish to impede the performance of the journalist's function.

Suppose, while the Matrix Churchill criminal trial was pending in 1992, a journalist had offered to buy lunch for Alan Clark, MP, in order to obtain background information for publication once the trial had ended?

Thirdly, a newspaper could well be acting in contempt of court under existing law if (while a criminal trial is pending) it agrees to pay a substantial fee to a witness for an exclusive story, especially if the amount of the fee depends on whether the defendant is convicted. Section

6(c) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 prohibits "conduct intended to impede or prejudice the administration of justice". If it is, or should have been, obvious from the circumstances that the fee arrangement would impede or prejudice the administra-

tion of justice (as in the Peter Bessell example), the newspaper (if prosecuted by the Attorney-General) would probably be convicted and punished, since "intention" is distinct from motive and can be proved by the strong probability of the mischlef occurring. The Lord Chancellor's Department should abandon the plan for new legislation unless

and until it is clearly established that there is a substantial problem which existing law cannot remedy. The reality is that over the past 30 years some newspapers have misbehaved in relation to sensational cases, and the Attorney-General of the day has not been willing to test the scope of the law.

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sheds, says that in the short term the 48-hour limit will not really affect the working prac-tices of many UK employers. But bosses will have to pay heed to "rigid rules regarding rest breaks, night shifts and

the guaranteed three weeks' annual leave, rising to four in 1999. Considering the working habits prevalent nowadays, the new directive poses the interesting scenario of bosses forcing employees to take a rest or paid holiday."

No mark up

NO WONDER high street solicitors have been so badly hit by plummeting fees. A conveyancing work survey on 30 Liverpool law firms by the Liverpool Law Society shows that the majority of convey-ancing work is still being

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of as little as £58 an hour are being charged for handling that least-profitable work - a

sale with a mortgage. David Swaffield, the society's non-contentious business committee chairman, says in its magazine Bulletin: The results provide stark evidence that many of our members are receiving a very low level of remuneration for work which, to our clients, is of fundamental importance."

Mr Swaffield, who has called for a special meeting on the issue, adds: "The results of the survey also lay to rest the commonly held perception that conveyancing is usually

carried out by partners. Fees carried out by unqualified

PEOPLE are keenly waiting to see what the Law Commission will say about corruption in public life. But the commission is emphasising -contrary to Gary Slapper's article last week in The Times - that it has not yet drawn up proposals, and, specifically, not yet decided whether to make proposals about MPs. A report is expected in the new

Getting together PROSECUTION barristers are being urged by the charity

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THERE IS still time to enter the competition for The Times Law Awards 1996 with One Essex Court and win up to £3,000. Students are invited to submit up to 1,000 words on The Law Lords in the 90s - a new Supreme Court?" The first prize is £3,000, the second £2,000 and the third £1,000. Three

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Victim Support to seek to introduce themselves to rape victims before trials begin to help them to feel more at ease.

The call comes after a detailed debricking of 12 rape victims by the group, as part of a research project to determine how they are treated by the criminal justice system. Seven of them said the CPS, and in particular prosecution barristers, were too distant. The report says: "This was

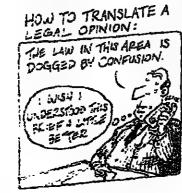
felt all the more keenly because the defendants appeared to have such a close relationship with the defence barrister. This fact, combined with a desire for information and guidance on legal issues. exacerbated many of the women's feelings of anxiety and betrayai."

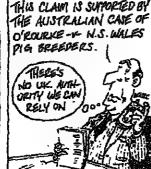
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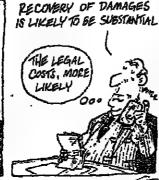
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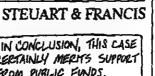
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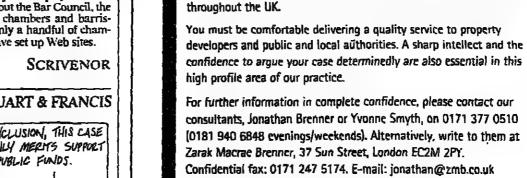












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Matthew Rea looks at civil justice in France and England while Adam Sage explains why Europe has trouble in stamping out sleaze

England is a model of reform

EUROSCEPTICS are very much in the ascendant in politics, but in the courts reformers are embracing the Continent with relish. Lord Woolf's plans to change the landscape of civil justice in England and Wales seem to borrow much from the French Nouveau Code de Procedure Civile. His measures to reduce the delay and cost of lingation, his proposals for single count-appointed experts, for an identical procedural code in all courts, and for case management by the judges, appear to be aimed at bringing our Anglo-Saxon sys-tem more into line with our continental cousins,

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But it might surprise Lord Woolf to learn that the French are also looking at changing their system. Last month solicitors who have the monopoly on rights of audience in the French Courts of Appeal met in Colmar, near Stras-. hourg, to discuss civil justice in England, particularly the aspects of it which encourage so many settlements.

The conference was organised by the Chambre Nationale des Avoués and was attended by about 350 people. including judges. It seems that the French civil and commercial courts are overburdened with litigation. Last year the Court of Appeal heard about 125,000 civil and commercial appeals, com-pared with about 600 heard by the Court of Appeal in England. However, in England, fewer than i per cent of all proceedings issued and up being resolved after a trial. In France, roughly 80 per cent go to a full hearing. The French lawyers wanted to know what aspects of our system encouraged such a high proportion of settle-ments so they could ascertain which aspects could be introduced to try to alleviate the pressure on

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anybody's mind when they em-bark on litigation in England is costs, and it is costs that will force them to consider every possibility for settlement. Of course, there are other factors. For instance, there is our "cards on the table" procedure, encouraging openness be-tween the parties so that they each know at an early stage what case they have to meet. They can then make a realistic assessment of their chances of success or failure. But it is the cost of litigation which, above all, forces parties to settle their differences. If you have a £25,000 claim and it costs you £25,000 in legal fees to take it to a

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full trial (by no means unusual) and it costs your opposite party the same The cost amount to defend it, the fact that if you lose . of you will have lost not only the amount claimed but also a further £50,000 in litigation costs for both sides, forces persuades you to avoid the risks of going to parties to trial and instead accept a reduced settlement settle' beforehand.

The French system is much cheaper. Costs of £10,000 for taking a dispute all the way to trial would be exceptional. There is also a limited require-ment for the loser to pay the winning party's costs. This means that it is very much more affordable in France to have your dispute determined by the State, and perhaps explains the strong reluctance to reach a compromise.

In England, where costs are such an important factor in encouraging settlement, it is essential that the parties, rich or poor. individuals or multinational corporations, can litigate on an equal footing and can have equal bar-gaining power to negotiate a compromise. Therefore, legal aid, conditional fees, legal-expenses insurance, and encouragement to litigate without lawyers are all important factors in trying to equalise bargaining power.



There are arguments that the English system has not gone far enough with measures designed to equalise the parties' bargaining power, particularly for middleincome families fighting insurance companies. Surely that is the area which any proposals for civil justice reform should be concentrated on. We might therefore have some lessons to learn from the French. Making the system quicker and cheaper might only result in fewer settlements, a rougher form of justice and overburdened courts too costly for the

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THE FRENCH IN ENGLAND

THE IDEA that the French and the English legal systems have much to learn from each other in the area of civil procedure lies behind a joint meeting of the Franco-British Lawyers Society and the Bar European Group which is being held at Lincoln's Inn tonight, Ian Hunter, QC,

The speaker is Guy Danet, a former President of the Paris Bar and a towering figure in the legal profession in France. He is to speak on The Advocacy Revolution: are we going French?" What will emerge from his speech is the extent to which reforms in both countries in civil procedure are leading to a convergence of approach.

 Meeting 5pm. Old Hall, Lin- coln's Inn. All are welcome. A reception and dinner will be held afterwards. Further details from Helen Matha on 0171-813 8000.

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British lawyers wonder if they share the same profession. But the seven European magistrates who met in Geneva recently to launch a book on their fight against corruption are

unhappy and frustrated. Hindered by archaic national laws that cannot keep pace with international finance, they are unable to check the sleaze which is engulfing Europe, they say. Tax havens, computers and lack of political willpower make it difficult, if not impossible, to track down and prosecute the corrupt as they move their funds around the globe, the magistrates argue

The seven are Bernard Bertossa, Attorney-General in Geneva. Edmondo Bruti Liberati, a mem-ber of Italy's Higher Magistrature Council, Gherardo Colombo, a prosector in Milan, Benon Dejemeppe, a prosecutor in Brussels, Baltasar Garzón Real, an investigating magis-trate working in Ma-drid, Carlos Jimenez Villarejo, a prosecutor, also in Madrid, and Renaud Van Ruymbeke, a French investigating judge

based in Rennes. Their roles vary from country to country but they are all part of the investigative judiciary that oversees criminal inquiries in continental Europe, and they all specialise in

Without exception, they are house hold names in their countries, enjoying the sort of public esteem first heaped upon the Milanese judges who began their anti-corruption drive in Italy five years ago.

But if the seven themselves appear to have few doubts about their abilities, they are far from confident about their efficiency. In a book of interviews with the French journalist Denis Robert, all make the same point - that national boundaries undermine the fight against corruption in an age of new technology.

M Van Ruymbeke explains that in a typical French corruption case, a company seeking, for instance, to build a new school will offer an under-the-table commission to the politician responsible for deciding who should be given the contract. The commission will come from the firm's

They are respected, emulated slush fund held in a Swiss bank and feared. They enjoy the sort account in the name of a fictitious of regard that would make Panamanian company, and the poli-Panamanian company, and the politician will receive the money into a similarly anonymous account.

But if M Van Ruymbeke wants details of the account holders, the suspects will make a series of appeals claiming that the Swiss legal authorities should not co-operate with their French counterparts because of differences in legislation or procedural

Given the complexity of Swiss banking laws and lack of international co-operation, it can take "two to three years" to get an answer, M Van Ruymbeke says.

Meanwhile, the people who launder drug or corruption money have faxes and computers

and shift their money *Computers from tax haven to tax haven in less than 24 and tax hours," he says. Mr Bertossa accepts havens make

that his country often slows down international sleaze investigations, but says that the same accusation can be made against England. "The English drive us mad," he says. "They are incapable of blocking an account and they don't

collaborate for reasons inherent in their legal system, which is even more archaic than ours."

In a statement issued to coincide with the publication of their book, the magistrates argue that only the creation of a "European judicial space" will enable them to stamp out corruption.

They want to be able to communicate directly. "without interference from the executive or recourse to diplomatic channels"; in other words, they want the right to ignore European boundaries and thus cut out the sort of procedural wrangles that can add years to an inquiry.

Their appeal is unlikely to be heard, at least in the short term. Even countries not known for their Euroscenticism, such as France, have little stomach for what would be a highly sensitive political move. But in the long term, the magistrates believe public opinion will follow their lead. If you hamper co-operation between judges in corruption cases, you hamper it for drug trafficking, the Mafia and all forms of organised financial crime." M Van Ruymbeke

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Basic Facts Some candidates prepare them-selves for interviews with a thor-oughness that others would have

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mundane faces be so important? Partly because they are the kind of facts interviewers expect you to know. Partly because lack of such knowledge reveals an unworldliness that has become unaccept-

sble in commercial practices. There is not much that candidates can do before an interview to improve their knowledge of the law, but they can ensure that they know the essential commercial and financial features of their organisation, its strategy, its principal problerns and its aims. What is confidential cannot be revealed, of course, but just knowing this information will enable candidates to bandle the interview more confidently,
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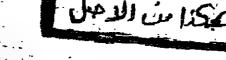
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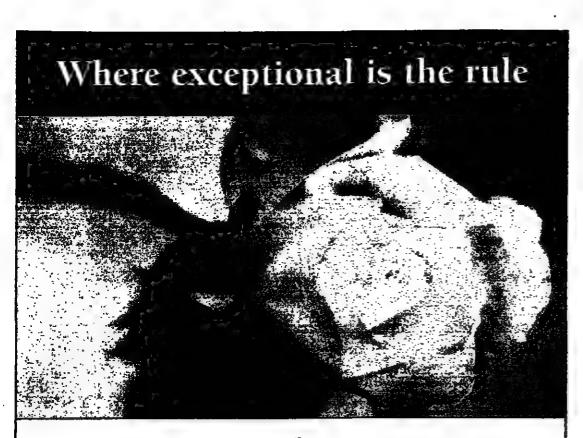
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Ginola out to reclaim leading role for France

BY DAVID MADDOCK

A DRAMA will unfold from France on BBC Television this evening. Not EastEnders, but Newcastle United's visit to FC Metz in the Uefa Cup. where David Ginola will be attempting to regain a place in the international side.

A SERVICE STREET

The Frenchman returns to his homeland not yet forgiven for his part in France's failure to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals. To the French, his exclusion from the team is the best soap opera running.

Le Figaro, the respected French newspaper, suggested that Aime Jacquet, the France manager, was building a team as colourless as himself". Its ire has been raised by Jacquet's refusal to consider Ginola ever since the player gave the ball away to allow Bulgaria a goal in the last seconds of the World Cup qualifying match which decided that the Bulgars, not France, would go to the United

The campaign to restore the outcast has intensified over the past year, so it is opportune that he should be returning to France at the moment when the call has reached its loudest level. "David will be seen live on French television twice, and this is the moment for him to get his message across." Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said.

And his message? Simple. "I expect to be back in the France side for the World Cup," Ginola said. "Maybe I'm not in the team because I'm too big a personality, but you know in the world these days, it is good to have a personality. Many times I have upset people because I am honest; but I will

continue to tell the truth. People have been saying that France are too defensive and that is not good because you need something special in , the team. If not, the person -watching at home on television will switch over to

Baywatch." There is a younger rival for Jacquet's attentions and, conveniently, he plays for Metz.

Dealer South

At 23. Robert Pires is six years younger than Ginola and apparently -- equally talented. Ginola, though, believes his experience is a factor in his favour. At 29, he argues, he has reached his prime and would bring subtle qualities to

lacking now. Keegan agrees. "It is a great opportunity for David, but he must ensure that he does not take too much on, doesn't try to beat them all on his own. But hey, he is 29 we are not talking about a boy. He's experienced and knows how to play the best team role. He has been doing that for us, and if he repeats what he has done for Newcastle here then 17n

sure it will be good enough."

the French squad that are

Metz will be a stern enough test. There was thick snow falling on the French border town last night, a chilling welcome for the North East club. Metz have hit a rich vein of form and, in Pires, boast a talented player ready soon to make an international place his own. They also have Isaias, but not the Brazilian who spankled briefly for Coventry. It is another, younger, Brazilian who, at 22, has the youthful enthusiasm to dominate midfield.

Newcastle's task is made all the harder by the fact that Alan Shearer will not play. Keegan confirmed that he

will not risk the England forward in a tie where his side has a second chance. "Just because Les Ferdinand is injured does not mean that Alan will heal any quicker. He is not ready, it is as simple as that," he said.

Shearer could, however, still prove an intimidating presence poised on the bench. ☐ Emerson, the Middlesbrough midfield player, is to resume training with his team today for the first time since his late return from a holiday in his native Brazil last week. That is expected to be the prelude to talks about his future with the manager, Bry-

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Jordan rises and a nation heads for glory

did not see the greatest goal I ever saw. The memory of it was cobbled together from a glimpse I had at the time and the television footage replayed later, but if the manner of Joe Jordan's header was a muddle on that September night in 1973, its meaning was jubilantly clear. His winner against Czechoslo vakia ensured that Scotland would take part in the World Cup finals for the first time in 16 years.

Unless you were occupying one of the few seats, speciating at Hampden Park two decades ago was a strenuous business and the congestion was particularly severe at a qualifying match that, for the last time, persuaded 100,000 people to watch the national team at home. In the great amphi-theatre of the old stadium, the players were remote and the angles impossible.

in the north enclosure, where the terracing was made of compacted ash held in place by railway sleepers, a shorter friend stood beside me, balanced on two empty lager cans, but, as each sway of the crowd threatened to tumble him, even he could only make out snatches of the action. Twisting, leaning and grabbing a shoulder for balance, we were still engrossed. The agitation of getting a

peek at the game only added to the anxiety over its outcome, creating the great yearning of that evening. Scotland had last appeared in the World Cup finals in the year of my birth. 1958 and, as I made my flustered way through adolescence, Willie Ormand's side was attempting to take its place among the adult countries of international football.

If teenage growing pains must be endured, it is nice to have the Scotland team to share them. Even with 100,000 tickets available for the match. the lunch-hour dash from school to a nearby menswear shop that sold them was still made in panic. At 15, there is a terrible desire to cling to the drama of football, and some of us forget to let go again. Ormand's side, however,

was to enthrall the whole country, and also to surprise it. With Tommy Docherty gone to Manchester United, Ormond had left St Johnstone to become the Scotland manager. The scheduling of his first match for Valentine's Day proved an invitation to doom as England provided the massacre, winning 5-0 at Hamp-den in February 1973.

If early results were miserable, Ormond was the perfect man to go scouting for fresh players. He was capable of extraordinarily refined assessment, of individual footballers and of the degree to which they would complement one another. Ormond was never in danger of snaring himself in complexity. In due course, the crowd at Hampden would revel in the chant: "Six foot two, eyes of blue, big Jim Holton's after you," but it took shrewd eyes to discern an international defender in United's raw Manchester

centre half. Given his opportunity in an

under-23 game with Wales, Holton is said to have, in quick succession, committed ghastly foul and clattered two clearances into the stand at Vetch Field. Anecdote also tells us of the manager's appreciative response: "Aah, he'll do." Against Czechoslovakia,

Holton was one of five Scotland players who had been

TOMORROW

Michael Henderson recalls a studied lesson in finishing

recruited by Ormond. Old hands such as Denis Law, who was restored to the squad, and Billy Bremner were important, but it was the extraor-dinary band of newcomers, their talents and prospects yet to be established, who were fascinating. Holton, who was to die in early middle-age, became a folk hero of a

Danny McGrain proved to

be one of the world's great right backs. Jordan, whose an opponent moved in on toothlessness only enhanced an intimidating aura, devel-The course of the match oped into the fearless scorer of

several important goals for

Scotland. Then there were the

two men given their debuts against Czechoslovakia.

George Connelly and Tommy

Connelly, so deft that he could afford his nonchalance

as a sweeper, virtually gave up

the game at 26. No manager

was able to assist a person

who, at heart, did not like

being a professional football-

er. Hutchison, on the other

hand, was to display a cele-

brated longevity, and the

match with Czechoslovakia

had swiftly established his fortitude. The next day, a newspaper photograph showed the many bruises inflicted on him by Czechoslova-

kia. Throughout the game

there had been fears of various

sorts for the Scotland players.

"Watch your legs, Billy." Ar-

thur Montford, STV's marvel-

Hutchison.

brought an even greater dread, because Scotland fell behind and had to force an equaliser through Holton. The winner from the little-known Jordan, a substitute for Kenny Dalglish, was routine, rendered great purely by its significance. With 15 minutes left Bremner had, tormentingly, struck the post, but the ball was worked out to the right wing and Willie Morgan crossed for Jordan to head tidily into the net.

"Who scored?" I bellowed in the human avalanche that crashed down the terracing "Jardine." [thought I heard someone yell in reply. Sandy? The full back? What was he doing in attack? My interest in clarification was slight for a 2-1 win now seemed certain. Scotland at least had come of age, even if, for a 15-year-old in the north enclosure, maturity was to take a little longer.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT Step-by-Step: Deceptive Declarer Play (Batsfords), by Barry Rigal, concentrates on an aspect of the game largely overlooked by average players. There is some good stuff in it. An example: Rubber bridge Love all

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Contract: Three Spades Doubled by South

By Philip Howard

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West's double was "optional". I heartily endorse the opinion of the author, who considers this to be one of the world's silliest conventions. East had no idea what to do and chose to defend when it would have been more prudent to remove to four of a minor.

West led out his two top diamonds and switched to ace and another club. At this point, all South has to do to make his contract is locate the jack of spades, knowing West to be long in the suit. He found an ingenious way to improve his chances on the hand. His first move was to play the jack of clubs from dummy at trick four. East covered with the queen and he won with the king. He now cashed the king of hearts and led the eight of

West, under the impression that South was 7-1-2-3 and that WORD-WATCHING

THE DONKEY'S EARS

a. Ecyore's melancholy

b. A nickname for MI6

c. A banke

SAM BROWNE

a A Federal hero

b. A suidiers' song

c. A guard-sling

his side had a club to cash, rose with the ace of spades and that was that. If West had ducked, declarer would probably have drawn the inference that West hoped for two trump tricks. Hence, he would have run the eight of spades, enabling East to score the jack. ☐ Step-by-Step: Deceptive Declarer Play (£8.99) is avail-

able from either Chess and Bridge 0171-388 2404 or 1PBM Mail Order 01159-422 615. The first weekend of the Premier League has just taken place. At the top with scores of 73 IMPs are teams captained by Paul Hackett and Gus Calderwood. In third place is John Armstrong's team (+17) followed by Andrew Dyson

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

NUMBER ONE

b, A ranging shot

a. A German tank

c. A petrol container

c. A middle-ranking officer

b. A Confederate General

Answers on page 48

a. The C-in-C

JERRICAN



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Great tournaments Continuing my review of great

tournaments in the run-up to Las Palmas, which starts next month, today, I move on to St Petersburg, 1914. This was played in two legs, but the players who reached the final could certainly challenge the Las Palmas contingent for the palm of being considered the strongest tournament ever. The St Petersburg field included Lasker, the reigning world champion, Capablanca and Alekhine, his two succes-sors, and Tarrasch and Marshall, world title contenders. As at St Petersburg, 1896. Lasker, at 45, still dominated

the next generation. Here is his decisive victory against his closest rival for White: Emanuel Lasker

Black: Jose Capablanca St Petersburg 1914

Ruy Lopez Bb5 Back Nc3 11 Nb3 cad8 Rad8 Rd7 NoB 18 R/2 19 Ftd2 20 b4 Rde7

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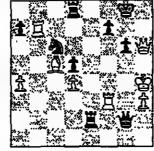
Lasker himself described the conclusion of this memorable game: "The spectators had followed the final moves breathlessly. That Black's position was in ruins was obvious to the veriest tyro. And now Capablanca turned over his king. From the several hundred spectators there came such applause as I have never experienced in all my life as a chessplayer."

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Solution on page 48



White to play. This position is from the game J Polgar — Hansen. Vejstrup, 1989. Judit Polgar is the strongest woman player the world has ever seen and often holds her own against the world's best. Here, she demonstrates a sharp tactical eye. How did she finish Black of?

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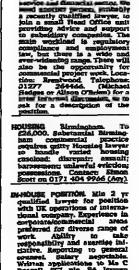
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Young pretender forcing 49ers' hand

IN SAN Francisco, they know that Elvis lives. They know Steve Young, the quarterback with the best rating in the National Football League (NFL), just as Young began to move Joe Montana out of the 49ers five or six years ago. The problem is, they fear that he may be about to leave.

On Sunday, while Denver Broncos were improving their startling record to ten wins and one defeat while exposing the Super Bowl pretensions of New England Patriots with a 34-8 thrashing in Boston, Elvis Grbac was turning the screw on Young another notch by leading the 49ers to a comfortable 38-20 victory over Baltimore Ravens.

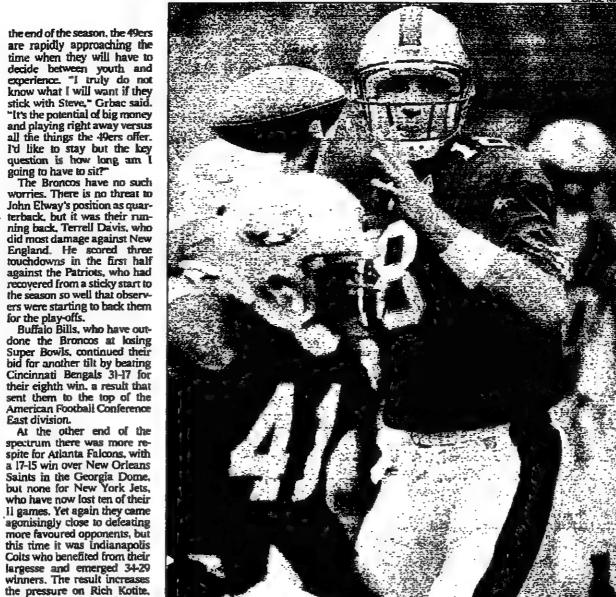
San Francisco have now lost only three of their 11 games and seem to be heading for a National Football Conference

Bay Packers. But it is the sub- the end of the season, the 49ers plot that is fascinating northern Californians.

Young is getting old. More important, he is getting injured. Twice in successive games this month, he has been so badly hammered by an opposing defence that he has been forced to leave the game early with concussion. The injury sustained against Dallas Cowboys ten days ago against the Ravens.

Grbac, 26, did not really seize his chance against the Cowboys, throwing a crucial interception late in the game, but against St Louis Rams earlier this season he threw three touchdown passes for a combined distance of 322 yards, and on Sunday he excelled again, completing 26 of his 31 passes and throwing for another touchdown.

With Grbac's contract up at NFL DETAILS



Grbac prepares to throw another pass during his team's comfortable victory on Sunday

SAILING: APPREHENSION MOUNTS AS ROUND-THE-WORLD RACERS PREPARE FOR THE PERILS OF SOUTHERN OCEAN

Icy ordeal awaiting novices in Global Challenge fleet

BALLING CORILESPONDENT

IMAGINE you are huddled on watch in the cockpit of a 67-foot BT Global Challenge cutter. You are thousands of miles from the nearest land and it is dark. There are deadly icebergs out there but you cannot see them. There is e in the rigging, the wind is howling at 40 to 50 knots and the boat is heaving up and down more or less straight into it. You are bitingly cold, wet and frightened.

not endure that even if they were being paid large amounts of money. Yet somehow, Chay Blyth has persuaded 200 people to pay him £18,750 for its dubious pleasures and their ordeal starts tomorrow when the second leg of the round-the-world race begins from Rio de Janeiro to

The first leg, from Southampton to Rio, was certainly no pushover. It was a voyage of some 5,000 miles, but it was almost all downwind and few of the 14-strong fleet saw any really difficult conditions once they had escaped the southwesterly gale in the Solent at the start. If it was uncomfortable, that was mainly because of the heat that built up inside the steel hulls in the tropical conditions in the mid-Atlantic.

one New York columnist said

"could not lead dishwater

East division.

The second leg, however, is when this race comes into its own. The challenge of the Southern Ocean is what the Challenge part of the event's title is all about. Twenty-five years ago Blyth took on the

Southern Ocean to windward

on his own and beat it, despite warnings from experienced sailors who said he would die. The BT Global Challenge crews are not doing it on their own, but then most of them have done very little sailing. The next 7,000 miles will be a gruelling test of stamina that none will forget.

In Rio, there is increasing coming up combined with a widespread desire to get going again after a long and expensive stay in Brazil. There have been several cases of cold feet

as the reality of the next 40 days dawns. But most people are on board just for this gave up jobs, sold houses, even abandoned partners for it - and they will quickly overcome their lears once the

The leader, Mike Golding, on Group 4 has a two-hour cushion over Simon Walker, who is about another nine hours ahead of Chris Tibbs, on Concert. But there are only 40 hours altogether separating the first ten boats and the

ranking order could change dramatically during this leg, when gear failure is likely to play a decisive part.

Meanwhile Group 4 yesterday issued a statement about damage to Golding's yacht when it hit a rock off Rio on Friday. It denied claims by Blyth that Golding had been late in reporting the incident and added that a further inspection of the keel "shows there is nothing to be concerned about". The yacht would make the restart tomorrow on time.

FEMMIS

SNOOKER

Merchant concludes profitable business

THERE are few religious in-trusions into professional snooker but Yasin Merchant. a devout Muslim who reached the last 32 of the United Kingdom championship at Preston yesterday, provides one exception to that rule. Merchant's 9-5 first-round victory over Dave Finbow acted as a partial consolation for India's absence from the

recent World Cup. - their

failure to qualify as expected from the Far East section was

largely due to Merchant's unavailability. The dates were changed and it clashed with a visit I had planned to Mecca," Merchant said. "Hai, the holy pilgrimage there, is something every Muslim badly wants to make once in his life and I wasn't prepared to cancel the

trip." Merchant, an urbane 29-year-old businessman from Bombay, led 5-3 after the first session on Sunday and al-though Finbow rallied to trail only 6-5, breaks of 73, 40 and 38 helped India's leading player to pull away and equal his best run in a ranking event. In the second round Merchant, the world No 73, will play Mark Williams, who was ferried to a local doctor's surgery immediately after his conversion of a 7-1 overnight

lead against Tony Chappel into a 9-3 win. Williams, who won the Grand Prix three weeks ago, moved into a career-high third place in the provisional standings above Peter Ebdon as a result of his victory. Only Stephen Hendry and John Higgins have more points to their credit. Williams, who vomited before the match and indeed between frames, won the tenth with a yellow to pink clearance and a scrappy

twelfth frame. in ending his opening session against Dave Harold on level terms at 4-4. David Grav. 17, maintained the form that carried him to a surprise victory over John. Parrott in the final qualifying round of the German Open five days

Steve Davis and Alan McManus, both beaten in the irst round of the year, were in strong positions. Davis led Jamie Burnett 6-2. while McManus enjoyed precisely the same advantage

FOOTBALL

Palmer to benefit from taking to Bath

PAUL PALMER'S days of pools and alongside members of the public at unsociable hours are over (Craig Lord writes). Ian Turner, who coached him to the Olympic silver medal in the 400 metres freestyle in Atlanta, is to head the new training centre at the University of Bath, where Palmer will base himself as a full-time swimmer, as will Mark Poster, the sprinter who has still to translate worldbeating performances in short-course (25-metre) pools into success in Olympic (50-metre) pools.

Two world best times were set at the Sprint Champions Night meeting in Aachen, Germany, at the weekend, Jirka Letzin clocked 24.71sec over 50 metres backstroke and Marc Warneke lowered his 50 metres breaststroke mark to

England pay

BOWLS: The England womrienced side against Guernsey and paid with a 14-8 defeat at Hougue du Pommier in the first international match between the countries. Two of the England six were making their international bows; another two made theirs only last winter, Guernsey, on their own green, took advantage, winning both triples matches, one pairs, and four of six

Morrison out

CRICKET: Danny Morrison, the main New Zealand strike bowier, pulled out of the tour to Pakistan yesterday because of a groin injury, but he should be fit to face England in the new year. Morrison, 30, from Auckland, bowled eight overs on the second day of the New Zealanders three-day game against a Pakistan Cricket Board XI in Sahiwal, before deciding that the inju-ry, which he sustained last week in Sharjah, was too severe for him to continue.

Henman falls

TENNIS: Tim Henman, the British No L has dropped two. the latest world rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals, while Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, remains at No 48.

ATHLETICS

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BADMINTON

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15 Women's singles: T. Woodward Susces) fost to Yu Human 11-12, 1-11.
Women's doubles: J. Goode (Hortfordshey) and S. Hardeser (Nent) lost to Canthony and Liu Lu. 3-15, 7-15. Mored doubles. J. Curra (Middleser) and Goode bit Cher Wer and Lu Lulang 15-10, 15-8).
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ATLANTIC CITY: World Boxing Union featherweight championship: Kevn Kelley (US, holder) bt Edwin Santaria (US) pts JOHANNESBURG: World Boxing Union bantamweight championship (vacant) Lehichtonolo Ledwaba (SA) bi Cruz Carbajai (Mex) pis

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FOR THE RECORD

6-110) and 141 Queensland win by seven wickets Melbourne: Victoria 345-9 dec (D. M. Jones 152, L.J. Harvey 70, and 38-1, South Australia 84 (D. J. Saker 4-22) and 286 (S. Parker 112, 8.A. Johnston 52; Harvey 7-44), Victoria win by neith wickets. Perfect Tasmenta 473-6 dec and 252-4 dec (J. Cox. 116); Worstern Australia 252-4 dec

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THOUSAND CARS, California: Shark Shootout: Final scores (US unless stated): 187: J Haas and T Kde 67: 60, 60 199: M have and L Jarven 66: 61, 60: C States and L Wadons 69, 57: 63: 190: B Faxon and P Jacobson 68: 65: 50: M O'Mean and C Strange 66: 64: 60: 194: C Seck and S Hoot 69: 68: 69: 196: R Floyd and G Morman (Aus) 67: 65: 65: J Coltest and B Letzice 70: 64: 62: 197: M Calcarecthe and S Elergion (Aus) 67: 65: 67: 61: 198: J Daly and D Duval 67: 66: 65:

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FENCING

EQUESTRIANISM

CRYSTAL PALACE: Eden Cup (Amor World Cup men's half: 1, F Roching (Ger); 2, A Zamiymry (Pol) 3 equal, M Daarr (Ger) and L Alterley (Fr), 5, J Beavers (GB); 6 equal, P Oulex (Switz) and T Tancour (Egypc), 8, N Chrac (Fr)

POOTBALL Sunday's late results

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MOTOR RACING

WORD-WATCHING

THE DONKEY'S EARS

(c) The Battle of Tso-Shima (donkey's ears) in 1904, not far from Vladivostok. A vast but antiquated Russian fleet had sailed from the Baltic. After many adventures, including a mistaken and bitterly resented attack on a British trawler fleet off the Dogger Bank, it met the Japanese, and was trounced. All ships that were not sunk surrendered, except for three that made it to Vladivostok, and a few that escaped to internment in Manila.

(c) A Sam Browne belt. A belt with a supporting strap that pa over the right shoulder, worn by commissioned officers of the British Army, and also by members of various police forces. An eponym of Sir Samuel James Browne (1824-1901), the British eneral who invented it NUMBER ONE

(c) Navyspeak for the First Officer, who would be below the rank of Commander. It may have originated from the days when lieutenants were graded according to their seniority in the ships in which they were serving for the time being. For example, in Nelson's Navy, a third-rater might have carried five lientenants. each well aware of his number, seniority and thus his chance of

(c) A five-gallon (usually metal) container for petrol, water, etc., first used in Germany and in the desert by the Afrika Corps in the Second World War. It was superior to the leaky British job and later adopted by the Allies.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Qg7+! Kxg7: 2. Rhd7+ Kh8 (2, . . . Kh6; 3. Rh7 mate): 3. Rh7+ Kg8: 4. Rhg7

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REAL TENNIS

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SNOOKER

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SQUASH

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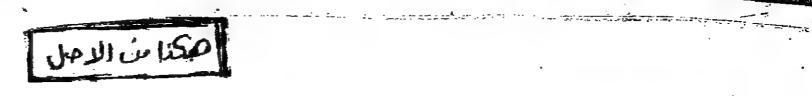
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RACING: TOP JOCKEY FINDS JOB SATISFACTION AGAIN AFTER SPLIT WITH WELLINGTON TRAINER

Bridgwater relieved to end Pipe dream That he did make the grade was due to guidance from

THE first thought that occurred when David Bridgwater gave up the job as stable jockey to Martin Pipe was that he must either be very rich or quite mad. Only much later, once the drama of the split had been compounded by a curi-ous absence of explanations, did it become clear that he must in fact have been extremely unhappy.

It took a degree of courage to sacrifice a guaranteed 100plus winners a season and the prospect of being champion jockey. But perhaps it also took a degree of desperation. On the final Sunday in September, Bridgwater made his farewell call to Pipe because he had looked at the only

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Cumbrian Challenge (2.40 Wetherby) Next best: Hurricane Lamp (1.10 Wetherby)

working life he ever wanted and realised he didn't like it any more.

"In my last six months with Mr Pipe I could have retired, just like that - packed up at the age of 25. I had got so low you wouldn't believe it. I like to think I'm a jolly kind of bloke but I just didn't enjoy what I was doing. I asked myself what the difference was and there was only one thing

Martin Pipe." It is only now that peace of mind has descended and Bridgwater will speak relatively freely about the episode. There are still aspects of his decision that he will not discuss, incidents he declines to divulge. He insists he did not row with Pipe, yet it is clear there was little warmth of understanding in their relationship and



Bridgwater and his weighing room colleagues take advantage of a quiet spell to watch others in action

that Bridgwater felt insecure and unappreciated.

In their one full season together, Bridgwater rode 132 winners, 54 more than his previous best. Superficially, it seemed that his aggressive riding style was tailored for the trainer who loves to see his horses in front from tape to post. They began the new season with Pipe's usual crop of fast-ground winners, yet there was no empathy between them and Bridgwater's boyish face grew longer and

The smile is back now and he unhesitatingly puts that down to quitting the position craved by most of his profession. Pipe, while maintaining staggering statistics of success, remains an enigmatic man, deliberately remote and,

by consequence, unloved. Bridgwater cuts a figure of domestic bliss now, as he sits in the Cotswold farmhouse that has been home for four months, with Lucy, his wife of almost a year, and George, his son of eight weeks. But if an impression arises of a young man giving up on his vocation, surrendering ambition for an easy life, think again.

"People tell me I'm crazy and that I could have been champion. I don't think about that --- it doesn't interest me at all. I have never considered being champion. Is it worth putting yourself through all that? But none of this means I am unambitious."

Bridgwater grew up with racehorses and never had a thought of being anything but a jockey. He still doesn't. His father, Ken, has trained in

Solihull for 30 years and David was only 14 when he contrived to leave school for a career in racing.

"It was down to an understanding headmaster, probably fed up with me bunking off all the time. Stupid, really. My one regret is not taking my education seriously. I shiver when I think of what would have happened to me if I hadn't made it as a jockey. When I see some of my old mates, on the dole and stealing cars, I realise what a risk I

That he did make the grade was due to guidance from some illustrious masters, Lester Piggott and David Nicholson among them. Piggott made him a rider, Nicholson made him a man. "I learned about the way you should conduct yourself at the races, especially with owners, and how to school young horses. It was an important time but I had to move on to try and get rides. I asked Peter

Scudamore what I should do

and he put me in touch with

Nigel Twiston-Davies." Those were the best times of his career to date and, when he left Twiston-Davies's vard to join Pipe it was with deep regret. "I told Nigel I would be back and I will be. He is a very good trainer and a fine friend to all who are loyal to him. I suppose he's my kind of boss and, whenever Carl Lewellyn decides to retire, I hope to take over as number one jockey. In a sense, that is all I have ever wanted."

In the meantime, despite the loss of more certain winners than most jockeys would dare dream about, Bridgwater. seeks no sympathy, only a measure of understanding. We are not all made the same in this game and I just didn't feel comfortable with Mr Pipe's mechanical way of training."

I didn't fall out with him. Compared to Richard [Dunwoody], I probably got along with him okay, but I was never really sure where I stood. There was always the feeling that, six months down the line, I might have ridden a bad race and he could have

sacked me without a thought. "I have no idea how Mr Pipe felt about me leaving. What I do know is that after I had made the break, the weight lifted off my mind was immense. It was such a relief to think that I could get back to enjoying life."

2.20 ARTHUR BRADLEY RETIREMENT MEDIAN **AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,009: 71) (13)**

2.50 MARK MAIDEN STAKES

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3.20 PESETA HANDICAP

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3.50 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,173: 7i) (14)

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 2.10 JACKSON PARK

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1.40 FERDY MURPHY'S OWNERS HOVICES CHASE (£4,029: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

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2.10 HENDERSON INSURANCE BROKERS LTD JUVENILE HOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £3,019: 2m) (18 runners)

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Imperial Call to rule again BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

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IMPERIAL CALL left such an indelible impression when winning last season's Cheitenham Gold Cup that it will be a major disappointment if he cannot become the first chaser since L'Escargot in 1971 to

retain his crown. The Fergie Sutherland--vear-uld missed his intended seasonal debut to meet in the Drinmore with a slight injury but is Chase at Fairyhouse on Descheduled to start in a cember I. The evidence so far Punchestown chase on December 7, before tackling may be a more aggressive Leopardstown's Hennessy Gold Cup.

The daunting thought for his opponents is that Imperial Call may be an improved horse this season. He is repuried to have strengthened up considerably and his blend of accurate jumping and relentless galloping suggests he is a strong candidate for more Gold Cup glory.

The Irish novice chasers look formidable with Danoli already capturing the head-

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1,00 PHREP BOWER SOTH BERTHDAY SELLING

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at Naas earlier this month, was not impressive though, and it may well be that his old rival, Dorans Pride will prove superior over fences.

Chase type. Aidan O'Brien's Rockfield Native also looks a promising novice prospect. It is in the novice hurdle department that the O'Brien stable looks particularly strong, however. Liss De Paor and Theatreworld

lines after two victories in his

The former stayers' champi-

on has also won twice over fences and the acid test will suggests that Dorans Pride jumper than Danoli and he looks an ideal Sun Alliance

have already won, but Finnegans Hollow may emerge as the best of them.

Although bearen on his hurdling debut at Navan on Sunday, the six-year-old was

most impressive in Pairyhouse bumper last April. Imperial Call is Sutherland's standard bearer but he also looks to have a promising hurdling prospect in Tempo, who won a Gowran bumper last May. The fouryear-old has been pinfired, pearance, but Tempo should be seen out over Christmas.

Uruhande is the most prominent trish-trained horse in the Champion Hurdle betting lists. However, Urubande, a Cheltenham and Liverpool winner last season, could emerge as a Stayers' Hurdle candidate. Adding the Martell Aintree Hurdle to the Sun Alliance Hurdle proved this strapping chestnut's stamina and his class would make him a formidable opponent over longer distances.

Stamina will also be the strong point of Arthur Moore's Whale Of A Knight, who should pick up a valuable handicap chase this season.

2.00 FAUCETS SURRUS SHOWER VALVES AND FITTINGS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,845: 2m 11) (12)

7-4 Lake Kariba. 2-7 Devok Pescast. 6-1 Nordance Prince, Imalight, 9-1 others.

2.30 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

9-4 Charch Law, 9-2 Andre Lavel, Brambiebill Bock, Dom Samousa, 8-1 others.

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5 51-4 HOLDMACDOS 13 (0.5) R Food 6-41-1-1 R Princip 94
7 06-3 THE REVISERO BERT 10 (8.6) G Balding 8-10-8 A P McCoy 98
8 61-1 BETTER BYTHE SLASS 51 (2.0.5) N T-Deves 7-10-3 C Linewigh 97
9 2-04 ANDON 18 (CD.F.G.S) A Barrier 6-10-2 D Staff (5) (8)
10 540- OATIS RUSE 216 (5) N Sleepped 6-10-0 C O'Drayer 94
10 540- ALLOW 14 (5) B Linetify 5-10-0 — Mr R Thornton 11
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7-4 Cheprason, 5-1 Balantak, Spanking Yacrom, The Reverend Berl, 10-1 others.

3.30 FAUCETS A & J GUMMERS HANDICAP CHASE

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4:00 BOUNDERIES INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL

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HUNET FLAT RACE (£1,201: 2m 1f) (12)

3.00 WILLIAM HILL HANDHCAP HURDLE .

(£3,485; 2m 6f) (11)

(£2,832: 2m 110yd) (5)

HANDICAP CHASE (£3,559: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS 12.45 (1m) 1, Indiahra (T Williams 9-4 fav), 2, Three Weeks (14-1); 3, Sandmoor Denlim (5-1) 15 ran NR: Miss Charlie 14/ nk, J Byre Tote £3 80 £1 20 £9 30. £1 70 DF £50.70 Trio £178 90 CSF £34.58.

Leicester

Going: good to firm (chase course); good to soft (hundles) to sch (hundles) 12.55 (2m lotle) 1. Demydan (A P McCoy, 4.9 tav); 2, Dana Point [16-1]; 3, Ely's Harbour (10-1) 9 nan 16, 20; M Pipe, Tota £1.30, £1.00, £4.50, £3.30, DF-£11.90 Tino £8.50, CSF-£8.82 CT1 90. Tho: 193.5. CS-19329
1.25 (2m hdde) 1. Peter Monemy (A P McCoy, 11-8 ten), 2. Blurtswood Half (12-1); 3. Dark Truffle (9-1), 21 ran, NR, Appeal Again, 21, 71. M Pipe. Tote £1.60, £21.0, £24.0, £1.50 DF £17.50 Tho

1.55 (2m 1f ch) 1. Sigma Run (P.Johnson. 7-1), 2. Ceptain Shoddord (25-1), 3. Larks Tail (14-1) Cotteen Hero 5-4 kw (ur) 5 ran 11, 6l. J Edwards. Tote (2.50, £1 10 £13.50 DF: £15.40. CSF: £24.02 2.25 (3m ch) 1, imperial Vintage (N Williamson, 5-4 lay); 2, Celtic Town (11-4); 3, Far Senior (20-1), 4 ran 31, 21-1 Mass V Williams Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.80 CSF-

2.55 (2m hdia) 1, Nahri (1 Eley, 7-2), 2. Kingdom Ol Shades (4-1); 3. Mizven (16-1), Yubralee 7-4 lav 6 ran 3l, 7l J Marke, Toter £450; £2.10, £2.50 DF-£13.60, CSF-£15.54. 3.25 (2m 4i 110yd hole) 1, Glistaning Dawn (5 McNeil 10-1): 2, Jolis Absert (4-1), 3, Riverbank Rose (6-1), Children's Choice 7-2 (1-lew 10 ran, 1-le), 1-le), T Keddy, Tote \$10 90; 53,40, E13,0, C1 60 DF E22,70 This E21 40, CSF E49 89, Tricast E248,77

3.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdfe) 1, Barryben (R Massey, 11-1): 2, General Tone (4-1), 3 Prietskal (6-1) Barlord Soveragn 5-2 (av 7 ran 31, 81 W Brisbourne, Tole 512.70, £2 10, £2.30, DF £21.00 CSF, £51.72 Jackson 53,242.00. Placepot: £99,00.

Plumpton

Config good to soft, soft in places 1.05 (2m 41 hole) 1, Whissing Buck, (A Gamty, 5-1), 2 Famley Flyer (7-4 tay); 3, Mramare (16-1) 7 ran 1), 171, R Rowe, Tote £6 50; £1 70, £2.30, DF: £4 90 CSF-er2 En 572.80 1.35 (2m of chi 1, Woodlands Boy (D Watsh, 12-1), 2, Mr Mart (10-1), 3, Credon (12-2) Black Church 6-1 ji-fay (wi) 11 ran NR. Beatson 1 v4, 11 R Curits Tole: 612.30, 53.30, 53.20, 52.10 DF, 5101.80, Tno 5150 10 CSF 5108.38 Tricast 5770 71.

2,05 (2m ch) 1, Dawn Chance (R Dun-wood), 5-4; 2, Joker Jack (6-1) 3, Galic Garl (11-10 lav), 3 ran Dist, dist R Hodges Tale, £1 80 DF: £3.20 CSF £5 85 Tole, 51 80 DF 5320 CSF 55 85
2,35 (2m 41 hole) 1, Scotby (B Powell, 20-1); 2, Dantes Cavalier (7-4 lav), 3, Lord Rooble (15-2) 12 ran. 1-11, 2l. R Buckler Tole 525 20, 65 50, 62 20, 62 20, DF 621 80 Trior 53 40, 625° 55 95, 3,05 (2m 5l ch) 1, Marniny's Choice (P Herkey, 12-1); 2, Amber Spark (6-4 lav), 3, Ramstown Lad (10-1) 11 ran NR Lets Go Now, Pennant Cottago, Ring Corbitis 34 201 R Alner Toler 515 70, 63 50, 51 10, 62 40, DF 625 10, Trio 647,10, CSF: 629 28

2.35 (2m 1/ hole) 1. Ritto (M A Fitzgerald 9-4) 2. Docklands Counct (6-1): 3. Mulintor (11-2) Second Step 2-1 tev 8 ran 2-4 3-4 J Nevilla Toter 22-90, 21.10 22-00, 21-70 DF; \$14-10, CSF £15-12

Placepot £103.50. Quedpot £10.10. Southwell

12.15 (6) 1, Horneyhall (J Quinn, 8-1); 2, Queens Check (7-1); 3 Baltard Ledy (8-1) Mass Aragon 13-2 fav 15 ran NR Morring Surpres 54, 5t hd N Bycroll, Tote 17 60; 52.80, 52.20, 52.40 DF: 521.70 Tno 577 10 CSF \$63.91 Tno

1.15 (6) 1. Sally Green (G Duffeld 11-2), 2. Cee-N-K (2-1 favi: 3. Double-O (16-1) 14 ran NR Supreme Mumoon 11.1 nt. C Walt Tore C5-40, 61 70 C1 50 C5 80 DF: £7-80 Tno £56 10 CSF £18 52 Supreme Mairmoon (9-1) was withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound bets, deduction 10p in pound; 1,45 (8t) 1, Sheshi (R Leppin, 20-1), 2. Anda's Confessa (7-1) 3, Juba (16-1) Macture, 11-4 tax, 15 ran 4u, 11 W Haigh Tote £16-90, £4.20, £1.90 £6.60 DF £107 40 Trio £205-80 (part won, pool of £202.94 camed forward to 3-40 at Wetherby loday) CSF £154-00 Tricast £2,174-41

22,15 (7f) 1 Erosion (M Roberts 5-1), 2, Eftervescence (9-1); 3, Nomore Mr Niceguy (14-1) Jeffrey Anotherred 2-1 fav 12 ran Sh hd 3-1 M Johnston, Tole 65 20, 62 40, 62 40, 64 80 DF: 622-40, Tho. £100 20 CSF 649 44 Trices

2.45 (Im) 1, Domino Filyer (D Hotland, Evens tav), 2, Desert Zone (11-2), 3 Ya Marrhabe (12-1) 15 ran NR. Kornamate 31, 41, Mrs A Swinbank, Tole (2-70, £1, 30 52 00, £2,60, DF, £4 00 Trio £23 50 CSF £9,51.

3.15 (1m 3) 1. Intimeem (D Hotland, 7-2) 2. Greenspan (7-4 lav), 3. Forzar (11-1) 16 ran, 19t 5l. Mrs A Switsank, Tote 67-20, 62.10, 61.30, 510.90 DF 67.00 Tno. £13.20, CSF £12.26. 3,45 (2m) 1. Oneldouseven (1 Wittems 6-4 lav); 2. Colendge (6-1), 3. lota (12-1) 11 ran. Nh. 51 J Eyre Tote £2.50 £1.90 C1 50, £3.60 DF. £8.10, Trio. £45.90 CSF: £12.13 Tricast, £32.69

Placepot: £543.30. Quadrot: £200.10



RACELÎNE

Ailing Agassi in need of victory tonic

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HANOVER

ANDRE AGASSI was confined to his hotel here yesterday, attempting to throw off a minor bug. The news of the draw for the World Championship of the Association of Tennis Professionals, contested by the eight front-ranked players of the year, will not have aided his recovery.

championship, 1990. Agassi was the winner, defeating Stefan Edberg in four sets. This week, as the climax of what for him has been a relatively bleak year - removed prematurely at Paris and Wimbledon, disappoint-ingly surrendering to Michael Chang at Flushing Meadow — he finds himself in the same round-robin group as three present grand-slam champions: Boris Becker (Australian Open) Yevgeny Kafelnikov

Admittedly, the other group is hardly less formidable: Chang, second to Sampras in rankings. Ivanisevic, the No 4, Thomas Muster, No 6, and Richard Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion and No.8. The opening matches today are Chang, last year's runner-up to Becker, against Krajicek; Becker, attempting to win for the third time, against Kafelnikov; and the smouldering, cannonball Ivanisevic against the clay-court ace. Muster. Agassi. therefore, is allowed more time to gather

The fifth-most prestigious tournament of the year, behind four grand-slam events. has seldom previously held such fascination, with contrasting players of six different

the strength he will undoubt-

edly need. The reserve is

Thomas Enqvist, the world

nationalities; seven should in all seven championships, Enqvist be summoned from remains assured of being the the bench. The format is for each to play the other in his group, and the top two to meet opposite second-placed players in the semi-final.

With 710 ranking points awarded to a champion undefeated throughout, Sampras, the only man to have appeared world No I for the fourth

and Chang be undefeated, Chang would still be four points short of Sampras's present standing on 4,298. No player has ever secured the year's top spot by winning this

LTA nets £29 million

THE Lawn Tennis Association's income from Wimbledon rose this year to £29.1 million from last year's £27.9 million, giving the third richest governing body in Britain, behind football and rugby union, a gross income of £45.1 million (David Miller writes). That really ought to be enough to produce more than one Tim Henman.

Ian Peacock, the retiring chief executive, is pleased to consecutive year. Were he to lose every match

ever much it may trail Germany, France, Spain and lesser European nations: an indoor courts from 216 to 776; a rise in worldwide match victories by British juniors from 36 in 100 in 1990 to 102 in 200 this year, sustained expenditure on development at £5.7 million; new facilities at £9.5 million; and an indicative

steady rise in the sale of tennis

title, though last year Sampras head against Chang 3-2, is ensured it when reaching the confident that his decline in Sampras finds the prospects comfortable. "It makes it a

little bit more relaxing, that I've got it in the bag so to speak [No 1 for the year]," he said. "it's a very tough group, and there will be some unbelievable matches this week. Physically. I'm playing a lot better than this time last year [when he had to dig deep to help to win the Davis Cup against Russial But even if I don't win, I'll be happy with my

Sampras reflected that the ATP Championship rated somewhat short of the grand slams, lacking their history. but was nonetheless important - "a fifth major". He looked forward to another encounter with Becker. "Boris is tough, in Germany or out of Germany, but I've defeated him and the crowd before." Krajicek, who leads head-to-

form since Wimbledon will not be evident this week. "For two months after becoming Wimbledon champion, I was simply not fired up," he admitted. "But my tennis at present is feeling very good, and has been most of the time, but I haven't been able to convert it [into victory]."
Had Becker not suffered an

injury during Wimbledon to his wrist, which was slow to mend, his form would have placed him in a position to hallenge Sampras as the player of the year. He would be the first to reach three consecutive finals in this event, and his indoor record, with 29 titles, is stunningly superior to the next closest. Sampras with 14. AED GROUP: 8 Becker (Gar), P Sampra (US), A Agees (US), Y Kaleinikov (Ruse) Today's match: Becker v Kaleinikov.

WHITE HINDUP: M Chang (US), herisevic (Cro), T Muster (Austria), Krajeck (Hot), Today's matches: Chan Krajeck, Muster a backsavic.

Theatre goes to court

The Trials of Marshall Hall Radio 2, 10.00pm.

Hall was not, John Mortimer says, a great lawyer, but he was a superb advocate. A consummate actor, too. He could turn the Old Bailey into a theatre. Small wonder, then, that, at the end of the first of Michael Butt's dramatisations of the criminal barrister's cases, applause greets his closing address to the jury. In The Black Trunk, Hall, played by Tom Baker, defends a prostitute accused of murdering a client. It was the first murder trial that he fought single handedly. John Mortimer, once a barrister himself, introduces and links this reconstruction of the trial of Marie Hermann which took place in 1894.

Death Discs. Radio 2, 9.00pm.

Alan Clayson's selection of recorded mood music "in a jugular vein", is not a laugh-a-minute affair, as the title indicates. All the songs feature folk who are either about to shuffle off our mortal coil or have learnire tolk who are either about to shuthe off our mortal oral or have already done so. The post-mortem songs are not all about dead human beings. There is a herd of red-eyed cows "who plough through ragged skies". The golden years — if that is the best way to describe ditties about the defunct — were the 1950s and 1960s. They included Nervous Norvus's Transfusion in which a road crash victim poetically requests medics to "slip the blood to me Bud" and "shoot the judge to me British. Clausers makes me lister to "Three Rlind" the juice to me Bruce". Clayson makes me listen to "Three Blind Mice" through new cars.

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Peerson listens to Ensemble Bash play orchestral percussion, African drums and junk instruments

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11.00 Mediumerus. A look at the week's medie events with Vincent Harma (r)
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12.00 News incl 12.27 am Weather Shipping News, by E. Annie Prouk (7/10)
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Challengers lining up to test Graf's powers of recovery Alix Ramsay looks at she is coming to the end of her

Thanksgiving and Christ-mas are just around the of the women's tennis circuit are ready for a break. The Chase championships, the annual end-of-season jamboree that started last night, always have a restless feel to them as gather at Madison Square Garden here in New York. With one week's work left to do, a maximum of four matches to play and \$500,000 (about £303,000) waiting for the winner, everyone is demob happy.

The championships usually have an air of inevitability about them. Throughout their 18-year history, the player who has ruled the roost during the year has tended to win in New York; only Gabriela Sabatini, in 1994, and Sylvia Hanika, in 1982, have upset the odds. This year, however, promises to be

Steffi Graf, who has won here four times in the past nine years, retired in the final of the Philadelphia tournament on the back injury that has plagued her over the past couple of years. Despite all the injury problems that she has had during her career — the back, the knee, the feet, the sinuses — it is only the second time that she has had to

default during a tournament. Graf is unlikely to surrender her title without a struggle. She travelled with her own

masseur and chiropractor

and, given the chance to rest for a couple of days in her Manhattan apartment, she is just as likely to waltz into Madison Square Garden and wipe the floor with the opposition as throw in the towel. After all, she won the French Open and Wimbledon last

ability to last the course. The speculation over Graf's fitness should put a new spring in everyone's step. Her first opponent is Karina Habsudova, from Slovakia, a player for whom strategy is a dirty word. Her aim in every match is to belt the ball hard, play her own game and let the

Jana Novotna has profited lost the first set to her in Philadelphia 6-4 before the German retired, which gave Novotna her third title in five weeks. On an unbeaten run of 12 matches, her ranking has now climbed to a career high of No 3 in the world. During that spell she has also beaten Martina Hingis twice.

Hingis is the new kid on the block in New York. Although not an unknown quantity -

the contenders in

the final WTA Tour event of the season

year with next to no practice and little faith in her physical

rest of the world worry about how to deal with it.

second year on the WTA Tour the 16-year-old has grown up fast in the past few months. This year she has beaten most of the main contenders for the title and, two weeks ago, brushed aside Monica Seles 6-3, 6-0 to win her second title, in Oakland. Hingis started to make the transition from being a promising new talent to becoming a winner in Rome earlier in the year. Then she beat Graf in the quarter-finals but, faced with the prospect of Conchita Martinez in the final, it all proved a little too much. The problem

that problem appears to have been solved. She won her first title in Filderstadt, Germany, last month, followed that up with an appearance in the final in Zurich and then, by winning in Oakland, took her career

earnings past \$1 million. The championships will also mark the end of two famous careers. Sabatini, al-York crowd, retired officially two weeks ago but is making a brief appearance here to say goodbye to her followers. Kimiko Date will call it a day once her championships are over. How long that will take is a moot point. Her first opponent is Seles, but with the joint No I still troubled by a shoulder injury. Date could have to postpone the farewell until later in the week.



Hingis, the new kid on the block in New York, recently secured her second tournament win

CRICKET: AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY BATSMEN BRUSHED ASIDE BY IMPRESSIVE HARRIS

Vaughan leads England A canter

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN MOUNT GAMBIER

FINE fast bowling by Andrew victory for England A against the Australian Cricket Academy here yesterday. The Derbyshire player took five for 61 as the Academy were bowled out for 175 in their second innings, which left the touring side needing only 162 to win, a task they accomplished soon after ten with seven wickets in

Ashley Giles began the Academy's collapse by bowling their captain, Justin Poole. in the fifth over of the final day before Harris began his impressive spell by having Shawn Craig caught behind. Adam Smith was run out by

fall on the third day, struck

again by bowling Dominic

Thornely and forcing Jerry

Cassell, who hit eight fours

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and a six in his 69, to edge a catch to Hegg. Giles and the captain, Adam Hollioake, then finished off the innings. Mark Butcher, the most

impressive batsman on the tour so far, was overshadowed by Vaughan in a 56-run opening partnership which gave England A a good platform before Butcher perished, edg-ing a lifting delivery to be caught behind. Vaughan, 2

model of composure, then added 54 with Owais Shah for the second wicket before being trapped leg-before, having hit Il boundaries in his innings of Although Mark Ealham was caught at mid-wicket

attempting to race to the finishing line, Shah, picked out for special mention by the Academy coach, Rodney Marsh, was unbeaten on 43

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SQUASH: BRITON BEATEN BY HOME TALENT IN SURPRISE OF OPENING ROUND.

Chaloner retreats from glare of publicity

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KARACITI

THE delight with which Mark Chaloner received attention at the world open championships in Cyprus last year as he progressed, unseeded and courageous, to the quarter-finals, was replaced with reclusive disappointment in this year's event here yesterday. Chaloner, 24. the No 8 seed, struggled to come to terms with a dire performance that left him a

Hiddy Jahan, a former world No 2.

collect eight deverly engineered penalty strokes in a row to clinch the match.

"Mark just didn't get it right," John Milton. Chaloner's coach, said. "He

Zuhair meets Hill in the first match

two PSA World Tour events. Del Harris, the England No I, meets

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first-round casualty. Chaloner's expected place against Anplayed too loose. He's feeling a bit thony Hill, of Australia, in the second devastated over his own incompetence." round was taken courlesy of a 15-12, 7-5.

15-6. 15-6 victory secured in 67 minutes by Zubair Jahan, the younger brother of

Zubair, 24, from Pakistan, has matured of late from a lowly-ranked battlerto an astute tactician with a sure and merciless touch in the front court.He exploited a waywardness in the delivery of Chaloner, from Lincoln, that eventually led him to

here today of a second round crammed with potential, Jansher Khan, the defending champion, heads the bill with a match against Jonathon Power, the young Canadian who has won the past

finish the match.

Australia have dropped

Michael Slater for the first

Test with West Indies starting

in Brisbane on Friday, thus, breaking up the third most

prolific opening parmership

Slater's poor start to the

season has seen him replaced by Matthew Elliott, of Vic-

toria, who wins his first cap as

partner to Mark Taylor, the

The Taylor-Slater partner-

ship averaged 59.30, including

ten century stands, the hest

In their final match before

being 260 at Lord's in 1993.

the Test, the West Indies lost

by ten wickets to an Australian XI in Hobart. Greg Blewett,

Middlesex's new overseas

player, took five for 29 as West

indies were bowled out for 251

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in their second innings.

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Australia captain.

Craig Rowland, the Australian who surprisingly beat Jansher for a place in the tournament of champions final in New York last month, and Peter Nicol, the No 3 seed, from Scotland; plays Ahmed Barada, the talented young Egyptian.

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Pure magic from the mysterious McHoans

A great moment in The Crow Road (BBC2) last night; the revelation of some important secrets, and a perfect debunking reaction: "That's it?" said Fergus to Rory, in disbelief, "That's your worst secret?" The problem with the McHoan family (as young Prentice acutely remarked last night) is that they keep dying and taking their secrets to the grave. But this interchange between his drunken uncles was a fine place to ask why putting a skeleton in a cupboard makes it intrinsically more interesting than a skeleton left lying on

A secret (even a guilty one) can be quite banal, you see; it just depends which things you decide to keep to yourself. As a small child, I stopped an ice-cream van out of pure devilry (I didn't want an ice-cream) and the secret shame of it lasted 28 years. Secrety makes ordinary events magically potent.

the ground.

which is perhaps the point of *The* us of the former Liberal leader's Crow Road. At the same time, early black-and-white years as a however, a really terrible act such as the schoolboy Fergus shoving another boy's head into a glass cabinet -- becomes commonplace just because it was never hushed up or denied.

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So, a lesson there for Jeremy Thorpe, I'd say. Channel 4's Secret Lives last night was all about O what tangled webs he wove when first he practised to - er, whoops, no way out of it now - dissove. We all remember the unpleasant details, of course, though at this distance they seem even more surreal: "Bunnies can (and will) go to France"; woof, woof, bang; the chalk outline of a great dane drawn on a lonely moor, and a satirical summing up from Peter Cook in a wig.

Thorpe is now remembered not so much as a politician but as a trial, so Roy Ackerman's film was actually most useful in reminding

charismatic electioneer, carelessly vaulting fences like an athlete, or greeting voters with enthusiastic hugs, leaving them starry-eyed and breathless. Dressed hilariously in a dapper overall, he emerged at a shop counter in his constituency to be interviewed for television. (He was, ahem, minding the shop for friends.) "Some people might call this a political gimmick," said the interviewer, respectfully. Well, it certainly didn't start that

s Thorpe's story a "tragedy of Shakespearean proportions?

Arguably, yes. But the film last night was not concerned with Thorpe's inner turmoil or fatal flaws, being more intent on getting witnesses to speak "for the first time on British television" - a phrase which is supposed to make you sit up and take notice, of

way," Thorpe assured him.

REVIEW



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course, but which often (like the presence of secrecy) builds hopes

So here we had Thorpe's friends and financiers telling their ver-sions of events, Meanwhile, Cyril Smith and David Steel were subtly undermined: Steel filmed with his tie askew; Smith shot from bellylevel, so that his waisthand anpeared just below his chin. Interestingly, Andrew (bang,

bang) Newton was one of the Harold Wilson there was a Boss in front of the cameras, but as the interviewees credited with speaking "for the first time since the trial" - which implies that everybody lost interest, that's all. One suspects Newton wouldn't need much persuasion to talk about shooting that dog. Getting him to stop talking about it might present

the greater challenge.
The trouble with the Thorpe case as a subject for Secret Lives is that the secrets were already out, free and cantering, in what they call "the public domain" (I always picture a big field with primroses, if it helps). No deeper plot can be found in the Thorpe story, unless of course the South Africans really had something to do with it. According to Ackerman, an agent from Boss (working undercover in Fleet Street) was assigned to watch Thorpe - because the Liberal leader regularly spoke on racial issues and denounced apartheid. Evidently, when Thorpe told

conspiracy, Wilson believed him which lends plausibility until you remember the extent of Wilson's recently revealed paranoia. What Ackerman failed to mention was that if Thorpe had come along to the Prime Minister accusing spies in cunning canine guise, Wilson might have shot the dog himself.

Big emotions in the final part of Vets' School (BBCI). The beauteous but ditsy Norwegian student. Trude, resat her exams and (incredibly) passed them. Relief and horror in equal parts. Trude naturally broke down in tears and so did I — though I admit I was mainly thinking of all the unsuspecting small animals she was now technically qualified to manhandle. "Your degree is as good as anybody's," she was assured, which only made it

Perhaps Trude just got nervous

weeks of her training progressed. the Vets' School audience was rarely disappointed by her hopeless diagnoses or wildly inaccurate answers to direct questions. Attempting to inject a kitten in the scruff of the neck, her needle kept coming out the other side. Trude wrestled with her self-confidence, as if veterinary knowledge was the lesser issue. Coming out of her oral exam, "I said so many stupid things," she laughed; "I was sitting there feeling really blonde."

Well, hastily leaving matters of pigment aside, I suppose we must accept that Trude was a much better student than she appeared on camera, and that Bristol University doesn't award degrees for sentimental reasons, or for fortitude, or for big blue eyes. But as I watched her tearfully reel from hug to hug ("I am so silly girl!"), I hugged my cats tight against me. and swore to protect them for ever.

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8.00 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE Cardiff v Queen's University, Bettast (Ceefax) (s)

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WHEN ROVER MET BANK! A Job for Life (s) (53838) 10.00 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS Cornedy pop quiz (Castax) (8) (11172) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Cestax) (241548)



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11.15 SOHO STORIES: Brush with the Law Fashion designer Mark Powell gets caught driving while banned, tempeding his good mood at the news that busines is beaming (s) (753513) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (8) (38778)

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CHOICE When Rover Met IIMW

BBC 2, 9.30pm . How times have changed at the Longbridge How times have changed at the Longbridge car plant. When Rover was part of British Leyland work was plentiful, strikes were frequent and militants ruled the shopfloor. Now, with 20,000 people chasing 1,200 jobs, the company can pick and choose and applicants are grateful for anything. One says he would be willing to do a month's work for nothing. Another says getting a job would be like winning the National Lottery. Whether this turnaround is due to Rover's new German master, or a changed economic new German master, or a changed economic climate, the film does not make clear. But if there are no German accents to be heard, the new work culture has an un-British feel. Assembly line workers are called production associates, demarcation lines have gone and no longer can the tedium of repetitive work by relieved by a quick fag.

The Trial of Kevin Maxwell: A Family

BBC1, 10.25pm (Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland, 11.00pm) The BBC seems determined to do right by the

Maxwells. Having recently mounted a highly unflattering critique of Captain Bob, it now allows son Kevin the chance to give his story at similar length. Nadia Haggar's film is a sympathetic, some would say flattering, portrait of Kevin, his wife Pandora and their children as they await his trial at the Old Bailey. Kevin projects himself as an innocent persecuted by the media. The kids are teased at school and even the formidable Pandora snaps under the strain. "What upsets me most." Kevin says, "is the notion that my father and I and other people would sit round a table plotting to rob old-age pensioners. It is the most obscene idea." Kevin is convinced he will not get a fair trial. But the jury confounds this gloomy prediction and sugary strings accompany celebrations of the acquittal.

The Bill: Death of a Nobody

The police show is famous for getting the maxium amount of the minimum. to spread out. Not that this double-length episode is in any way discursive. As usual we get to the point at once and the pace never slackens. Tom Needham's scenario starts with the murder of a taxi driver, a seemingly blameless man who grew vegetables as sang in the church choir. From this initial puzzle, the plot goes teasingly off in unexpected directions. If recent Bill stories have tended to favour the uniforms over the CID, this one more than compensates, with pivotal roles for two of the most credible characters, DCI Meadows (Simon Rouse) and Di Deakin (Shaun Scott).

Network First: Psychosurgery ITV, 10.40pm

Radical surgery which will destroy part of the brain is the desperate last resort for Marilyn, Tony and Peter. All suffer from severe depression which has wrecked their lives and driven them to contemplate, or attempt, suicide. Conventional treatments, including drugs and electro-convulsive therapy, have failed. But psychosurgery, which can be defined as damaging the brain to save the mind, is controversial. Some say it is barbaric. Even its supporters claim only a one-third success rate. Not even the surgeons who carry it out know how or why it works. None of this deters Marilyn, Tony and Peter, who are determined to have the surgery. Nick Finnis's film takes us into the operating theatre, an experience not for the later to assess the effects. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1705093) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1324345) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (2060242) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (s) (22513)

10.30 THIS MORNING (24142548) 12.20 REGIONAL NEWS (4845797)

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1.25 HIGH ROAD (Teletext) (7985819)
2.00 HOME AND AWAY (Teletext) (a) (57044068) 2.25 CROSS WITS (Teletext) (s) (57129703) 2.50 VANESSA

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3.30 POTAMUS PARK (3544722) 3.40 WIZADORA (7301884) 3.50 ZOT THE DOG (3555838) 4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS (9554567) 4.15 HEY ARNOLDI (5670529) 4.40 THE WARD

5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (7329277) 5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (513242)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) 6.25 HTV NEWS (Telelaxt) (324277) 7.00 EMMERDALE Rachel finds herself in

trouble with Stave (Teletext) (s) (7398)
7.30 THE MIDDLE AGES: Broken Lives Ray Gosling masts three middle-aged people who all lost jobs they thought would see them through to retirement (r) (635)



Shaum Scott investigates (8,00pm)

8.00 THE BILL Meadows (Billy Murray) and Deakin (Shaun Scott) investigate the murder of a Laxi driver:(Teletext) (1600)

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER Angela McCleod's life is shattered when a former cirtirland of lating news (Teletext) (s) (4384)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (11118) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (442890) 10.40 CHORE NETWORK FIRST Tony, Marilyn and Peter, who have

all suffered years of mental tormant, are about to undergo psychosurgery—a last and very risky resort. The surgery involves deliberately damaging the brain to affect the mind (Teletext) (434161) 11.40 CELLULOID BRIEFS (a) (412819)

12.10mm ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (4777488) 12.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

EXTRA (2354575)

1.26 FILM: THE KILLING TIME (1987) starring Beau Bridges, Kiefer Sutherland and Wayne Rogers. A small-town sheriff plans the ultimate crime of passion. Directed by Rick King (491952) 3.05 LATE & LOUD (s) (1245310)

4.05 THE CHART SHOW (r) (s) (3032117) 5.00 SPECIAL REPORT (39952) 5.30 NEWS (24933)

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6.00 THE AVENGERS (r) (Teletext) (36161) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (442432) 7.55 THE SLOT (696155)

8.00 RIDE ON The team expose big companies who sell exactly the same car at different prices (Teletext) (s) (4500) R.30 BROOKSIDE Will Bel and Olin reveal all

to the police? (Teletext) (s) (6635) 9.00 TIGER SHARK: Legendary Thug of the Sea Charting the irlestyle of a single tiger shark along the Great Barner Reel (Teletest) (2906)



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10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY Gus plans a dinner in honour of Sir Roysten Winton (Teletext) is (909890)

10.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? Clive Anderson leads the improvised comedy show (r) (175600)

11.05 NORTHERN EXPOSURE After accidently drinking a "healing" liquid Joel is propelled into an alternative reality in New York (Teletext) (662839)

12.00 LUMBERJACKS OK! First in a six-part series from Canada following 16 of the world's top-logger sportsmen (21846) head of the Chinese department at the British Museum, questions whether Marco Polo ever reached China (s)

1.00 THE WHITE ROOM Featuring performances by Paul Weller and Elvis Costello

2.05 MR ROADRUNNER Jools Holland visits Tennessee and Mississippi in search of

"the lost chord" (r) (s) (1167827) 3.25 FILM: Holiday in Mexico (1946) starring Jane Powell and Walter Pidgeon A girl becomes infatuated with a pianist. Directed by George Sidney (31218223)

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Australians angered by approach

Venables runs into protest over job offer

TERRY VENABLES, the former England (ootball coach, is still considering whether to accept the job of attempting to lead Australia into the World Cup finals in France in 1998. Venables spoke yesterday with David Hill, the chairman of Soccer Australia, and is exthose who have contributed so much to Australian soccer pected to announce his deciover the past years. The arro-gance of Venables is only sion today.

If Venables agrees to return to international management,

Hill would have to have the move ratified by the board of Soccer Australia, the governing body in that country. Such is the influence of Hill, the former head of ABC, the country's national television network, that it is thought unlikely that his fellow board members would vote against him.

Hill is believed to have also targeted Jack Charlton, the former Ireland manager, and Howard Wilkinson, the former Leeds United manager, before travelling to Europe. When initial overtures proved fruitless, he turned his attentions to Venables, who led England to the semi-finals of Euro % before standing aside

for Glenn Hoddle. News of a prospective Pommie coach has not gone down

concurve of Totterham. June 1993 — dismissed as chef

January 1994 — appointed England coech. June/July 1996 — steers England to cerre-treats of Euro 98 August 1996 — takes over as director

poll held by the television channel, SBS, 34 per cent of the 2,800 votes were in favour of Venables taking over. Those against included a Mr Angry, of Adelaide, who wrote: "I am appalled that such scant regard can have been paid to

matched by that of David Hill. He [Hill] has treated us all with contempt." Questions are also being

Ginola's home work 47 Greatest goal asked as to how Soccer Australia will fund Venables's reported £200,000 salary, for

possibly no more than four months' work. Eddie Thomson, who recently resigned from the job after six years, received only £90,000 a year.

Such is the association's financial plight that every player in Australia pays Aus\$1 towards the running of the national team. A month ago. callers were unable to get through to Soccer Australia's TERRY VENABLES

Venables: moving on?

because, it is believed, the telephone bill had not been

Jack Reilly, the former Australia goalkeeper, led the Pom-mie-bashing brigade yester-day. "It is totally inconceiv-able, an absolute farce," he said, "Venables knows nothing about Australian conditions and little or nothing about our overseas and local players." However, Andy Bernal, the

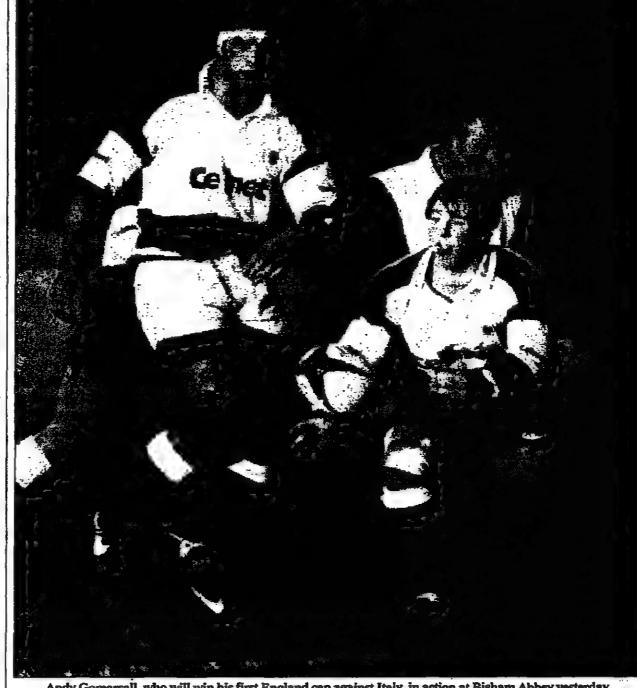
22 Australian players based in England, said: Terry is a great choice, really exciting. He can bring a new dimension to Aussie soccer. If you're running a business, you have to go for the best man, and you can't get much better than Terry. Maybe he can even fix up an Ashes series between England and Australia. That would be really something."

Venables, if he accepts, will have his cake and eat it, too. He will not give up his job at Portsmouth, where he is director of football. "It would not affect what I'm doing there," he said. The Aussies are happy with that and so are Pompey.

Australia have qualified only once for the World Cup finals, in 1974. However, it is widely accepted that the quali-fying series for 1998 represents their best chance for years. In the Oceania section second round, their opponents in-clude Tahiti — who they beat 11-0 recently - and either Tonga or the Solomon Islands. If they negotiate a third-round play-off, probably against New Zealand, they take on the third-placed nation from the Lebanon, coached by Terry Yorath, the former Wales manager. Then it is off to

Venables was yesterday awarded a reviewed judgment in the Central London County Court over another company's claim against Scribes, the West London club that Venables owns, having previously been ordered to pay costs amounting to around £36,000. But other high-profile cases are still pending, including an action for libel by Alan Sugar. the Tottenham Hotspur

chairman. 🗋 Aston Villa will send a delegation to Italy this week in an attempt to resurrect the transfer of Savo Milosevic to Perugia. There have been suggestions that the Serie A side have dropped their original offer of £4.5 million to £2



Andy Gomarsall, who will win his first England cap against Italy, in action at Bisham Abbey yesterday

einster aim to upset tour record

LANSDOWNE ROAD TEAMS TO A

FROM KARL JOHNSTON

TO Leinster went the distinction of providing the first opposition when Australia last Lansdowne Road, the home team got away to a fine start an early try scored by Niall Woods, but the sense of euphoria was short-lived.

Australia went on to overwhelm Leinster 38-11, running in five tries. Leinster will be striving to do better when the teams meet under lights at Lansdowne Road this evening. in the unbeaten Australians third match in Ireland on the present visit, but the touring side will not be easily contained.

True, the Australians have fallen way short of the levels of excellence attained by their recent predecessors, whose élan and panache have been notably missing. But, even though Connacht and especially Uister were dogged op-ponents. the Australians never looked remotely like Fawin (Bactron College), M McDermott Lansdoemel, A McDerm (Lansdoemel, A Stoware), C Pire (Old Wiseley, capter), M O'Kelly (London Irish), N Franca (Old Salesdoe), D Owesto (Bactrond, College), V Costello London Irish), Replacements; P Mo-Marce (Old Salesdoed, S. McDermot, C.

Leinster show four changes compared with the team that defeated Pau in the Heineken Cup recently. Three of the alterations are enforced, since Niali Hogan, Henry Hurley and Paul Wallace were not available because they were with the national squad.

Alain Rolland returns at scrum half instead of Hogan, while Paul Flavin and Angus McKeen deputise for Hurley and Wallace at loose and tight head, respectively. Rolland's recall is not likely to bother the selectors, for they consistently chose him ahead of Hogan until recently, but the first-

Wated, A Murcloch (NSW); P Howard (ACT), S Peyres (NSW); C Bardies (NSW), A Caputio (ACT), A Headin (NSW), O Finegan (NSW), D GWith (ACT), T Gavin (NSW), B Pobinson (ACT, oppeln), M Brigin (NSW), Heptacements: A N Other, T Wallace (NSW), G Gregan (ACT), A N Other, A Bladen (NSW), M Point Queenserd. In the fourth change, Ciaran. Clarke comes on at full back in place of Peter McKenna. Clarke and Martin Ridge are the only survivors from the

and Tim Gavin played for the Australians in that match.

Only Michael Brial and Brett Robinson remain from the Australian side that defeated Ulster on Saturday but, with Little and Pat Howard back after injury, this team looks far too strong to be

1992 team, while Jason Little

caught napping by Leinster. The Australian management have sent for Dan Crowley to fill the place of the injured prop Richard Harry. toured Ireland in 1992.

For their match against the Australians in Thomond Park next Tuesday, the Munster selectors will field the side that lost to Toulouse in the Heineken Cup. Four of the team will play for Ireland in the international clash on Saturday - David Corkery, Gabriel Fulcher, Anthony Fo-

ley and Dominic Crotty.

The Leinster Under-21 team take on the New Zealand News Under-21 invitation side at Donnybrook today. The New Zealanders have already lost to Munster and

Argentina add extra dimension to season of confusion

BY DAVID HANDS

THE amateurs of Argentina arrived in London yesterday amid the confusion that professionalism has produced in English rugby. With a polite acknowledgement of En-gland's problems, they expressed the hope that they could develop a fluent style of rugby during their seven matches, the first of which is against a London XV at Twickenhum tomorrow.

Yet even they may be sur-prised that their opponents will field one player from the seventh division and nobody higher than the third-division clubs of Havant and Rosslyn Park with one exception John Fowler, the Sale and England A lock who was elected by two divisions over the weekend but has opted for

his "division of origin".

It is symptomatic of this season that such confusion should reign, though it is Fowler's own decision not to play for the North against ensland tomorrow evening. At the same time, the edict of the English Profes-sional Rugby Union Clubs not to release players for divisional duty is clearly optional since Sale, Orrell and Vest Hartiepool, of the first divisions. The North have brought in Paul Rees, of Orrell, to replace Fowler.

matic change in the political circumstances, a similar London team will do duty against South Africa A on Saturday, the weekend when the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup will bring Esher and Rosslyn Park.—

London tearn - together. gathered at Bisham Abbey to prepare for the opening inter-national of the season on Saturday, against Italy, opti-mistic that Mark Regan and Ben Clarke would be fit to play. Regan, the Bristol hook er, played his first game for lour weeks for his club second XV at the weekend after recovering from a damaged thumb and was able to train with the national squad.

☐ Jonah Lonn; the New Zealand wing, will make a guest appearance for Ebbw Vale against a Welsh Invitation XV at Eugene Cross Park on

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ABA vote in favour of girls boxing

THE Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) yesterday decided to end 116 years of tradition by allowing women and girls to box in bouts in England for the first time. The ABA's decision, on a 10-4 majority. means the body falls in line with the rest of Europe, but the controversial move has an-gered the Association's medi-

cal commission. Dr Roy Axon, the chairman of the commission, who voted against the change, said: "We are waiting from the European Commission on Boxing and we will take it from there. Meanwhile, the ruling body has decided that women should box and we have to accept its decision."

The ABA commission will meet on Friday to discuss the matter, which allows girls from the age of 10 to spar in amateur gyms to prepare for bouts from next October.

The move came on the day

of the death of Fabrizio De

Chiara, the Italian middle-

weight. The 25-year-old collapsed in the last round of the 12-round Italian title contest in Carrara, on Saturday. ☐ Scott Welch, the former British champion, is set to face Henry Akinwande, the unbeaten World Boxing Organheavyweight isation

champion, in Palm Springs,

California, on January II.

Giddins brought in from cold by Warwickshire

BY PAT GIBSON

have been the most successful

side in county cricket over the

last three or four years and there is no reason why that

had no doubts. "That is all

behind him now," Amiss said.

"He realises that he made a

has convinced us that cricket

is his future. He not only wants to do a good job for Warwickshire but he also

wants to go on and play for

Giddins: second chance

"He is really focused and he

should not continue."

ED GIDDINS, the England A fast bowler who was suspended for 19 months by the Test and County Cricket Board after he tested positive for cocaine, has not had to wait long for a chance to resurrect his career.

Only ten days after his appeal against the severity of his punishment was rejected by the Cricket Council, he has agreed to sign a three-year contract to play for Warwickshire when he completes his suspension at the start of the 1998 season. He will be paid a retainer while he practises in the Edgbaston nets and plays league cricket in the south of England.

Giddins from a pariah — he was sacked by Sussex — into a much coveted cricketer may seem to have come about with almost indecent haste. But fast howlers, especially Eng-lish ones, are in such short supply that such a scramble for his services was inevitable. Giddins was courted by nine other counties as well as Warwickshire.

month ago." Giddins said yesterday, and I met the chief

executive, Dennis Amiss, last

Thursday to sort out the finer

"Tim Munton (the captain) initially approached me a

details of the contract. I felt a England. I believe that we can buzz just walking into Edgbaston. Warwickshire help him to do that."

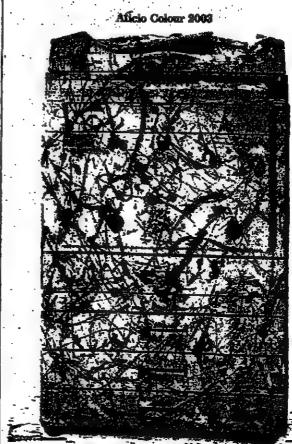
While Sussex were not sor ry to see the back of Giddins
- or so it seemed when their secretary, Nigel Bett, said that there were not too many tears shed on his departure — they The drugs episode discouraged overseas clubs from offering Giddins employment this winter, but Warwickshire did everything they could to keep Ian Salisbury, their Eng-

land leg spinner. Yet, despite an unprece-dented offer of a five-year contract with the promise of a Salisbury has turned his back on them and agreed a threeyear deal with Surrey, in the belief that the pace and bounce of the Oval pitches will help him to add to his

nine England caps.
The beleaguered Bett said that Sussex were naturally disappointed but added: "Ian has kept us fully aware of his plans. Now that his future is settled, we must plan for 1997 without him."

That is easier said than done. With Danny Law believed to be heading for Essex. Martin Speight talking to Durham and Alan Wells, the deposed captain, seeking permission to speak to other counties Susser are in

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Tania Kindersley, left, Jade Jagger, Isabel Fonseca and Emily Mortimer inhabit a small stretch of territory, where seediness rubs shoulders with stiff upper lips, and the pool player hangs out with the polo player

tired to the country for ever to walk ageing labradors and polish silver and Land-Rovers. The Trustafarian, also known as the OK Yardie or Notting Hillbilly, is now yesterday's trendy — idle, ed wealth and failing to make any contribution in the new neties meritocracy. The It Girls are on the way out: vapid earty beasts like Tara Palmer-Tomkinson and Tamara Beckwith (already known as the Had-it girls) embody a hedonistic excess that will clash with the social values and moral virtues of Britain

demise too soon. This is not the end of the easily identifiable pukka posse. There are still demographic charts to be drawn up in the posh parts of town, but they are delineating

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something new. A previously unknown animal, rapidly increasing in number, is taking

Portobello Princess a small stretch of ness rubs shoulupper lips, and the pool player hangs

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are now as long as the tails of the Nicole Fahri overcoats, and the Portobello Princess is

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the daughter of property ty-coon "Black Jack" Dellai, and Atalanta Goulandris, scion of a Greek shipping dynasty, follow hard on the first wins-per of "Portobello Princess" big family money, but not above starting their own production company, Stray Dog. el. artist, and showbiz daugh ter Jade Jagger, Will Self's former wife Kate Chancellor, of the scribbling Chancellor tribe, and her actress sister. Anna (Duckiace in Four Wedeca, a dazzling figure about literary London who became half of the quintessential Portobello love affair when she captured Martin Amis, is a Portobello grande dame like novelist Rose Boyt, of the Freud tribe and actress Emily Mortimer, who has recently bought a flat just off Portobello Road, near her parents. Then there is Elastica vocalist Justine Frischmann, who has a degree in architecture and went to St Paul's Ciris' School

in Hammersmith, like the rest

right, intense, deli-cately beautiful, the the PPs have the pale skin and darkringed, weary eyes of one who ringed, weary eyes of one who has sat up all night proof-reading. They are the natural amithesis of the It girls. The Tanyas and Tamaras are made to feel stupid by the creative lovelles of W10, but they, in turn, are reviled both for giving girls a bad name, and for making their less air-headed sisters in the west feel a little frumpy when they show up at the same parties which they invariably do. She may work hard and look interestingly wan, but the PP certainly knows how to party. If you want to see the PPs in action together, so to Tom Conran's trendy deli, or his Irish oyster bar, The Cow, or you can watch them gag-gling at the Gate Theatre in Notting Hill, the Coronet cine ma where smoking is still allowed (PPs chainsmoke Camel Lights in a soft pack) and, at Christmas at St Helen's Gardens Church Hall, where the Nottingwood play-ers — who include the ravishing Chancellor sisters - will be putting on their annual pantomime. stuffed with knowing references to their

Better still, wait for the pening of the Cobden Club in Kensal Road, which promises to be a cross between the

MEN Men they love: Michael Ignatieff Martin Amis

Lucian Freud Sam Shepard Men they hate: Gallagher brothers Richard Littlejohn Michael Portillo Almost anyone who wanted to marry them.

Josh Astor

Room — but much, much

Tania Kindersley, a beautiful novelist and Guinness heiress, knows them intimately. Her latest novel, Goodbye, hnny Thunders, anatomises the PPs playground. She says: am surprised they haven't fenced it off and started charge ing an entry fee.

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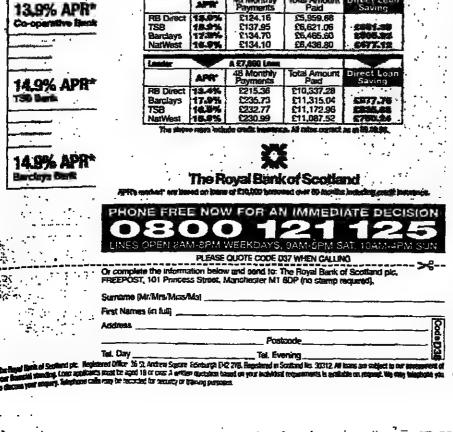
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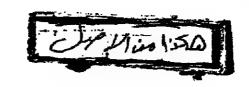
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ARMS TO RWANDA

A familiar story on unfamiliar ground

Britain, Michael Portillo said yesterday, leads the world in its "strict rules" on arms exports. That was just what ministers repeated throughout the Scott inquiry into arms sales to Iraq. For the British public, his assertion needs to be squared with the discovery by our Africa Correspondent of documents showing that a British-registered company supplied large quantities of lethal weaponry to Rwanda throughout the summer of 1994, when its former Government was carrying out the genocidal slaughter of some 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The most rigorous and speedy investigation is a political and legal necessity.

What is at stake is the credibility of the contention that the United Kingdom is anything but a soft touch for illicit arms traffickers. That credibility was seriously dented by the Scott report's finding that ministers had connived in blurring Britain's policy with respect to defence-related exports to Iraq. But it was not destroyed - because what was also clear was that the policy itself had been more honourable than that of many arms exporters. Since the report was published, the Government has set out out proposals, deserving of all-party support, to improve inter-departmental co-ordination of licences for militarily sensitive exports - the main defect in Britain's arms control regime identified by the report. Britain has also actively promoted the new 30-nation Vassenaar Arrangement to bar defencerelated exports to rogue regimes.

In the arms trade, however, it is a truth universally acknowledged that no sooner is one loophole closed than another appears. So far as is known, not a single British-made weapon was included in the Mil-Tec inventories. No export licences would therefore have been involved. Such trade is not only legal; there appears to be no obligation on British companies to report arms sales, when these involve the shipment of weapons from third countries to a foreign destination. This is no way for Britain to set an example of greater transparency in the arms trade, which John Major prides himself on pressing for at the United Nations.

Some of the shipments appearing on the Mil-Tec inventories postdated the United Nations arms embargo against Rwanda, imposed in May 1994. These are legally in a different class and can and should be the immediate focus of criminal investigation by Customs and Excise. Under British law, UN embargoes are enforced by means of statutory instruments - in this case 1637, which came into force on June 24, 1994. It applies to all British citizens and subjects and "all bodies incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom".

The statement issued by the Foreign Office yesterday makes the suggestion that arms brokers can "avoid UK jurisdiction and the UN embargo" provided the arms in question "do not ever enter or leave this country". Fortunately for the Government's reputation, the drafters of SI 1637 were sharper than Foreign Office lawyers. It explicitly makes it an offence to "agree to supply or do any act likely to promote the supply of weapons" to Rwanda without the authority of a licence from the Department of Trade and Industry. To pick up the telephone would be such an act.

That leaves one potential loophole which Mil-Tec's directors would seem to have been anxious to exploit. As we report today, the company is registered in the Isle of Man and its directors operate from Sark. Both are Crown dependencies and - as the Isle of Man proudly insists - are legally not "part of the United Kingdom". But both are subject to Britain in the matter of defence and foreign policy and neither has an interest in being seen as a haven for arms traffickers. Customs and Excise, which is determined to pursue the case, has been promised full Manx co-operation. In the murky empires of arms trafficking, ministers cannot be blamed for failure to detect shipments worth little more than £3 million — a quantity sufficient to do enormous harm in so tiny a country as Rwanda but infinitesimal by the standards of the trade. But "third party" transactions are a clear problem. The Government risks justified contempt if it does not draw the lesson and tighten up further.

ZERO TOLERANCE

There should be no blind eye to crime

The more vigorously laws are enforced, the more likely the law is to be respected. The only problem with the policy of "zero tolerance" which the Metropolitan Police wishes to introduce in parts of London, and which has been piloted in Hartlepool and Glasgow, is that it is not being introduced more widely. Not only will the charm of urban life be restored if more of those guilty of antisocial behaviour face police sanctions. it will also contribute to reducing serious crime. Where aggressive vagrancy, minor drugs offences and vandalism flourish, a culture of contempt for social order exists which allows lawlessness to take root.

The need to renovate civil society as a precondition of tackling violent crime has been eloquently and persuasively made in The Times by Frances Lawrence. It is tempting for the police, with many claims on resources, to turn a blind eye to minor infractions. But far from allowing a greater concentration of effort on tackling serious offences, such behaviour only guarantees

that there will be more serious offences. The liberal orthodoxy on minor misdemeanours is to tolerate them within limits, the better to contain them. If drug-dealing and prostitution are left to defined areas, such as King's Cross in London or St Paul's in Bristol, then appetites can be satisfied and the suppliers more easily monitored. It is argued that any action would not eliminate the activity, but only displace it and make Surveillance more difficult. A policy which condemns the residents of a neighbourhood to civic squalor because it is convenient for criminals is, at best, cynical. The evidence suggests that such a softly-softly approach is actively counter-productive.

The policy of "zero tolerance" was pioneered in New York by Rudolph Giuliani,

the Republican Mayor, and his Police Commissioner, William Bratton. They developed the "broken window" theory, believing that unless small symptoms of decay were attended to, then the civic architecture would buckle. They recognised that the colonisation of parts of their city by petty criminals made life easier for more determined offenders. Indeed, by assertively pursuing those who perpetrated minor offences, the police found many who were also guilty of major crimes.

The aggressive panhandler who would otherwise have been ignored was found to be carrying illegal drugs or indeed a weapon when brought into the station. When the police started to treat an abandoned ghetto as though its citizens deserved to have lives as free of nuisance as those in an uptown area, people who had been in despair were given hope — and an incentive to report antisocial behaviour. The policy reduced crime in New York by 17 per cent, halved the murder rate and gave back the city to its

most vulnerable citizens. Civil libertarians in the United States have objected to the policy, citing the increase in the prison population and a doubling of complaints against the police as evidence of failure. But surely it is better that the inconvenience is felt by prison builders rather than the public and that the complaints come from those who attract police attention rather than those who have become the victims of criminals? Both Michael Howard and Jack Straw have played a welcome part in questioning past assumptions by insisting on the protection of the innocent before the indulging of the guilty. Both might be better employed working for an extension of "zero tolerance" than on any other enterprise.

MAJOR JAM AHEAD

A small hope of better journeys to come

For the motorway driver few things are more annoying than driving along a clear stretch of road and running into a sudden. and inexplicable, traffic jam. The delay is doubly frustrating if it has been advertised in advance: for so often are flashing overhead speed restrictions wrong or out of date that motorists tend to ignore them. Yesterday the Government announced, with great fanfare, a £30 million scheme to end traffic jams on Britain's trunk roads by redirecting traffic from congested areas using high-technology information centres. Cheap, privately run and more reliable than the present warning signals controlled by the police, they promise an end to motorway misery. It is the kind of pre-election wizardry tailor-made to appeal to the voting motorist.

The plan depends on reliable information fed by roadside sensors monitoring the flow along Britain's 6,500-mile trunk network. Regional control centres would issue warnings, updated second by second, to roadside signs and local radio stations. Motorists would be advised to turn off congested motorways before the blockage, saving them valuable time and allowing the jam to clear. The privatised service would be free, paid for by a more detailed system of national traffic-

updates which a driver could receive, for a yearly charge, via an onboard computer.

The scheme is being touted as an immediate benefit of the Government's Private Finance Initiative. Transport is a field where rewards are few, voters' complaints many and the Treasury capital restrictions inhibiting to any long-term strategy. Privatisation is at last offering rewards on the railways; the Government hopes that the same medic-

ine will unclog Britain's highway arteries. A harsher look at this latest project, however, reveals it as less than it seems. Traffic volume, now running at 25 million vehicles, is expected to double by 2025. A massive expansion of the road and motorway network is not only unaffordable but is electorally unpopular. The huge environmental, architectural and pollution costs are already forcing a rethink on road construction. Inevitably, traffic jams will increase. The new sensor-controlled early warning system could even make matters worse by diverting so much traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, on to sideroads. It risks defeating one of the very purposes for which most motorways and bypasses were built to save Britain's villages and countryside from the destruction and danger of heavy traffic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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48-hour rule: why Europe is right

From Professor A. A. Dashwood

Sir, It is absurd for Mr Iain Duncan Smith, MR, to suggest, following the European Court's judgment on the working time directive ("Why our optout did not work", November 13), that the Court, as well as the Commission and the Council, believe "Britain's social chapter opt-out to be inconsistent with the process of political union in Europe".

The Court's judgment has nothing whatever to say about the scope or effect of the protocol and agreement on social policy negotiated at Maastricht. The case in question turned on the interpretation of Article 118a which empowers the Council to adopt, by means of directives, "minimum requirements for gradual implemen-tation with a view to harmonising health and safety conditions in the working environment.

Could that definition be understood as including requirements relating to the organisation of working time; or was the provision essentially concerned with physical risks, such as those from machinery or toxic chemicals? The point could be argued either way, though the balance of expert legal opinion has always been in favour of the broader interpretation. The Court has now opted for that interpretation, and the reasoning in the judgment pro-

vides solid justification for doing so. Mr Duncan Smith's attack on the eight existing articles on social policy in the EC treaty seems wholly misconceived. Six out of the eight articles have been in the treaty from the very beginning, while two of them (118a and 118b) were added by the Single European Act of 1986. All of the articles, therefore, predate the European Social Charter which was signed by eleven of the member states in 1989.

Mr Duncan Smith is wrong to state that "the key articles in this section are covered by qualified majority voting. which means that once a regulation is proposed in this section, Britain has no veto". The only legal basis in the chapter on social policy allowing qualified majority decisions is Article 118a itself: thus, for instance, successive directives on sex discrimination have been based on Article 235 of the treaty, under which the United Kingdom had a "veto" but chose not to use it.

Yours etc. A. A. DASHWOOD (Director, Centre for European Legal Studies). University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law.

10 West Road, Cambridge November 14

From Mrs Judith Gardiner

Sir, Would it be too cynical to suggest that the row over Mr Major's determination to resist the imposition of the social chapter is a smokescreen to hide his Government's involvement with the "stability pact" (leading articie, November 11)?

After all, he must know that the EU was entirely within its legal powers when it issued the directive on working hours under Article 118. The European Court of Justice ruling may or may not be unpalatable but in the end it will be implemented.

How long will politicians, on both sides of the House, continue to mislead the people about Europe?

JUDITH GARDINER. 46 Gloucester Square, W2. November 13.

Defence under Healev From Brigadler Charles Millman (retd)

Sir, I would like to put the other side of the argument following Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius's highly critical letter (November 14) concerning the standing of Lord Healey as a former Secretary of State for Defence.

As one who served in Sarawak during confrontation with Indonesia in the mid-Sixties. I can only say that under his firm and able stewardship of defence policy we were substantially reinforced at a critical time, received the additional helicopter support we so badly needed and, above all, were given authority to conduct campaign-winning cross-border oper-

The overall result was that what was nothing less than a war was successfully concluded much earlier than had been thought likely and many lives were accordingly saved. Let us simply give credit where it is due.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES MILLMAN, Nile Cottage 62 North Road, Hythe, Kent. November 15.

ations.

Pedal power

From Mr Keith C. Kraushaar

Sir, I read with interest that certain train companies are planning to win back cyclists' custom "after 15 years of hostility" (report, November 11). There is talk of attracting more cyclists by issuing tickets that would make it cheaper to travel with a bicycle than without. I should like to know who will pay for this privilege of cheaper travel: I assume the average commuter without a bike.

Yours faithfully, KEITH G. KRAUSHAAR, 26 Guildford Road, Rustington. Littlehampton, West Sussex. November 12.

Hospital fast track for fundholders

does not exist now.

Yours faithfully. IAN CRAFT,

their patients.

lictor Street,

Yours faithfully,

A. K. M. HUTCHIN,

The Group Practice Centre,

Southampton, Hampshire.

London Gynaecology and

Fertility Treatment Centre Ltd.

From Dr Alister K. M. Hutchin

Such comments are common.

Cozens House, 112a Harley Street, W1.

Sir, I am a non-fundholding GP. On

Monday a patient was told by a con-

sultant surgeon's secretary that there

was no hope of treatment before 1998.

I suspect that it may now be official

policy to force the remaining GPs, like

myself, to become fundholders

through patient pressure - or lose

Director.

Take fertility treatment, for exam-

rtilisation treatment are provided

ple. In France, four cycles of in-vitro

free by the State, yet in the UK some

fertility services operating in NHS

hospitals expect patients to pay be-tween £500 and £1,500 per treatment

cycle because lack of funds limits free

availability. I predict there would be an outry in Parliament if any MP's wife was asked to pay for her obstetric

From Mr Michael Smith, FRCS

Sir. Dr Anderson and Dr Warin (letter, November 14) describe the unacceptable two-tier system in hospitals, also highlighted by your report on the situation at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital (November 16). At St Thomas' Hospital surgeons have been advised by the local purchasing authority that it will pay only for patients who are medically urgent or who have been on the waiting list 18 months. A fundholding patient can be seen and treated much more quickly, With limited resources and admin-

istrative costs rising, the situation seems bound to deteriorate, Fundholders do not pay for emergency treatment on their patients, but this loophole, will, I am sure, be closed. Fundholding GPs will then quickly find themselves in the same financial predicament as the purchas-

ing authorities. Yours sincerely, MICHAEL SMITH (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon), St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SEL

November 16.

From the Director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre Ltd

Sir. The suggestion in the Health Secretary's White Paper that a universally free health service funded from taxation is feasible (report, November 14) does not ring true, since patently it

show an ugly contrast between what

is done and what needs to be done in

As far back as 1993 The Federation

of NHS Trusts standing committee on

supplies and purchasing, which I

chaired, produced a damning report

on the performance of the newly

(NHSSA). The report was widely de-

nounced as an act of disloyalty to

NHS colleagues, meddlesome and in-

The Audit Commission's report

mirrors the federation's in both find-

ings and recommendations. The real

waste is in the performance of the

NHSAA which is paid and relied

upon by hospital trusts to handle pro-

curement of supplies on their behalf.

There have been nearly four years

of dissatisfaction with the NHSSA. It

chants a familiar mantra about im-

proving, learning and "getting there", but has consistently failed to deliver

the goods to private-sector standards.

NHS Supplies Authority

the health service.

accurate.

Most of its work is confined to buying Wastage in the NHS and delivering routine, non-medical, From Mr Ray Lilley items such as lavatory paper and light

Sir, Your reports (November 6) on The NHSSA appears to be taking Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell se-curing additional funding for health refuge in the fact that Labour have made it clear they have no intention of and on the publication of the Audit market testing it with a view to priva-Commission Report, Goods for Your Health, highlighting waste in the procurement processes in NHS Trusts

sure the best possible use is being made of existing resources.

(Chairman, Federation of NHS Trusts Committee on Supplies and Purchasing, 1990-94). University of Nottingham. Centre for Health Services Management.

Nomingham, NG7 2RD.

Yours faithfully. ED ROBINSON. 7 High Warden. November 6.

War poetry

From Mr Charles Chadwick

It appears to have failed.

Sir, Mr Douglas Hurd (letter, November 18) is quite right about Philip Larkin's poem Naturally the Foundation will Bear Your Expenses. Andrew Motion, his biographer,

has described the poem as "a piece of savagery aimed at an opportunistic name-dropper", and Larkin wrote in a letter to Robert Conquest dated July Il. 1961: "I hope it annoys all the continent-hopping craps". The poem portrays the kind of fashionable, self-serving cynicism he detested. In another letter, dated November II, 1984 to Anthony Thwaite he wrote: "Watched the Cenotaph ceremony as usual, that day when Queen and minister etc. Very moving." Just so. For anyone who knows his poetry he could not conceivably have felt otherwise.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES CHADWICK, 25a Denning Road, NW3. November 18.

Purpose of GCSE

History Curriculum Association

November 11) suggests that criticism of GCSE in a Times leader is a "slur on the character and integrity" of Keith Joseph, the former Secretary of State for Education, who introduced the exam.

In fact, it was Joseph himself who

In a letter to us at around the same time Tony Blair agreed with us that the GCSE boards might be operating a cartel because of their refusal to make GCE O-level exams available to pupils in this country. Wisely, for his own children, he has since chosen a school offering a Scottish alternative to GCSE. Keith Joseph would certainly have approved.

Yours sincerely, C. McGOVERN, Director. Windover, Punnetts Town. Heathfield, East Sussex. November 11.

Anyone working in the NHS will

elcome more money for health but the Government should also make

Yours faithfully, **ROY LILLEY**

From Mr Ed Robinson

Sir. I see that copies of the Audit Commission's damning report on waste in the NHS are available at £15. Who will pay such a sum for information that has been common knowledge for years?

Hexham. Northumberland.

'Pericles' revived

From Mr Jeremy Lemmon

Sir. It was a pleasure to read Benedict Nightingale's defence of Pericles (Arts, November II) which he rightly calls an underrated play; but he does an accidental disservice to Dr Johnson: it was Ben Jonson, not the Doctor, who described Pericles as "a mouldy tale".

It's worth recalling the context of this sneer. After the humiliating failure of his play The New Inn. Jonson wrote one of his bitterest poems, an assault on the judgment and taste of theatregoers. "the Play-club" for whom "sweepings do as well/ As the best-ordered meal".

The phrase about Pericles is a resentful side-swipe at a play which was still popular twenty years after its first performance.

Yours faithfully JEREMY LEMMON. 4 Church Lane, Ely. Cambridgeshire. November 12.

From Mr W. J. Woodward

From the Director of the

Sir, Sir Wilfred Cockcroft (letter,

fuelled criticism of the exam within a few months of its introduction. Having announced to Parliament on May 5, 1988, that he was concerned to discover that aspects of GCSE history exams were "a straight abuse of the original idea" he went on to support a History Curriculum Association proposal for the GCSE monopoly to be

History Curriculum Association.

Sir, Sir Wilfred Cockcroft rightly

chastises you for inferring incorrect motives to Keith Joseph. Many in the teaching profession remember well Sir (then Dr) Wilfred's report. Mathematics counts, published in 1982 from which stems much of what is good in today's teaching of mathematics.
Paragraph 517 of that report states

It is important that responsibility should be properly defined at all levels within the edu-

cational system and that responsibility should be linked with authority, accountability and assessment. Despite local management of

schools, opting out, hit squads, league tables, the national curriculum and other initiatives we still do not appear to have got this right - as is shown by events at The Ridings, Manton and elsewhere. This cannot be the fault of Lord Joseph or Sir Wilfred, who both had the vision to point the way most

W. J. WOODWARD (Mathematics teacher), Mountfitcher High School, Stansted, Essex. November 11.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046

Passing notes on 'Mastermind'

From Mr Douglas A. Thomas

Sir. I was extremely disappointed to read that the BBC proposed to cast adrift Mastermind (report and leading article, November 15). My own mind had just become accustomed to the rigorous questions and my number of passes had reached an all time low of 700 during the last series.

I had been busy studying for my own specialised subject - the excellent programmes axed by the BBC during the past few years.

Yours tearfully, DOUGLAS A. THOMAS, 24 The Lawns, St Mary's Close. Eastbourne, East Sussex. November 15.

From Mr Tom Bean

Sir, Your extensive coverage of Mas-termind contains no analysis of why a programme that has variously been described over the years as "an institution" and "arguably the most difficult quiz programme on television" is to be scrapped.

In my considered opinion it is to go because the programme has declined in quality and lost public esteem as a

That, in itself, ought to merit your attention. How did it happen?

Yours faithfully, TOM BEAN (Mastermind finalist, 1989). Ullington Hall, Honeybourne, Evesham, Worcestershire. November 15.

Bingo petition

From Mr John F. Garrett

Sir, On Tuesday, November 19, a petition containing half a million signatures will be delivered to 10 Downing Street on behalf of Britain's bingo players.

After fishing, bingo is Britain's most popular leisure pastime. Yet it continues to be the poor relation in terms of taxation and deregulation offered to those industries most affected by the impact of the National Lottery. No measures comparable to the relief offered to horse and greyhound racing, betting shops, pubs and clubs have been forthcoming. Now, whilst bingo is still reeling from the impact of the Saturday lottery, the Government is rushing ahead with a mid-

week lottery in the new year. The bingo industry of low-cost entertainment but important social benefits to the communities it serves. It is essential that the Government responds with a sense of urgeney to the modest demands for relaxation of our outdated restrictions on advertising and prize-limits if lasting damage is not to be done to an industry providing investment, employmeni and a great deal of pleasure to

Your sincerely.
JOHN F. GARRETT (Managing Director. The Rank Group pic o Connaught Place, W2. November 18.

Day's labour done

From Mr David Baxter

Sir, Launching the Labour Party's document on Parenting (report, November 14) the Labour spokesman on women said. "Parents want guidance on issues like bedtime." What nonsense! As a responsible parent of four children I can assure the Labour Party I am in no need of any such advice.

Is there no end to the regulating and interfering tendency of "new" Labour? In the run-up to the general election 1 want to hear about their plans for the economy and our public services. I can do without this sanctimonious and misplaced moralising.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BAXTER. 3 Rayment Drift, Kesgrave, Suffolk. November 14.

From Mrs Helen Posts

Sir. With fixed bedtimes for children Labour promises us, quite literally. the nanny state. Will we floundering parents also be told of the appropriate dosage of castor oil?

Yours faithfully. HELEN POTTS. The Grange.

Church Lane, Pinner, Middlesex. From Mr J. T. Healy

Sir, What is a British bedrime? When our children were young, my wife was surprised to hear me reciting Wee Willie Winkie to them in the version I had always known in Scotland and which finished: "are a' the bairnies in their bed? It's past ten o'clock." Her

southern English version had "the children" in bed much earlier. Yours faithfully. J. T. HEALY.

Northfield, II Murton Bank, Perth. From Mr John Raybould

Sir. "Labour wants British bedtime for children" (headline, November 14). Obviously a case of "Listen with Big Brother".

Yours sincerely. JOHN RAYBOULD. 3 Chestnut Court. High Street. Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex. November 14.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 18: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, the Manor House, 80 East End Road, London N3.

His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, this evening attended the Royal Academy of Engineering New Fellows' Dinner at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London

The Earl of Courtown (Lord in Waiting) called upon the Gov-ernor-General of St Vincent and the Grenadines and Lady Antrobus at the Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London WI, this morning and, on behalf of The Queen, welcomed Their Ex-cellencies on their Arrival in this

ountry. The Earl of Courtown (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Kenya and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 18: The Prince of Wales this morning opened the new rural social housing development in Stratfield Saye, Hampshire.

His Royal Highness, Chairman, the Royal Collection Trust, this afternoon chaired a trustees' meeting at St James's Palace. The Prince of Wales afterwards

received the Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury). His Royal Highness, Chairman. the Royal Collection Trust, this evening gave a Reception at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chiel, The Royal Gurkha Rifles,

Today's royal

engagements The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will give an evening reception at Buckingham Palace at 9.30 for Members of the Dip-lomatic Corps. Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra will also

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member of the British Sub-Aqua Club, will present the 1995 Duke of Edinburgh's Prize at Buckingham Palace at 10,00; as President, will present the Nat-ional Playing Fields Association President's Certificates for 1996 at Buckingham Palace at 10.30; as Patron and Trustee, will attend receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have achieved the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at 11.30 and 4.00; and as President, will present the Institute of Sports Sponsorship Awards and attend a luncheon at

The Prince of Wales, as president. at the Festival Hall at 6.00 which vill later be auctioned on behalf of The Prince's Trust.

Sir Malby Crofton regrets that he will be unable to send individual cards this year, so he wishes to send all friends and associates, in the UK and Ireland, all best wishes for Christmas and 1997.

later attended the Gurkha Brigade Centenary Dinner at the Army and Navy Club, Pali Mail, London SWI. The Royal Academy

Fellow of The Royal Academy of

Engineering, attended the 1996 New Fellows' Dinner held last

night at the Drapers' Hall. The

Speech of Welcome was given by the President, Sir David Davies,

CBE, FEng. FRS, the toast to the

New Fellows was proposed by the Senior Fellow, and Dr Christopher

Fay, FEng, FRSE, responded on behalf of the New Fellows.

The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress of Westminster were the

hosts at a dinner held last night at

Vestminster City Hall to mark the

Jodie Foster, the actress,

is 34 today

Lady Davina Windsor is 19 years

Mr R.S. Baldock, High Master, St Paul's School, 52: Mr Raymond

Blanc, chef and restaurateur, 47:

Merseyside Development Corpor-

ation, 49; Miss Maeve Fort, dip-

Miss Kathleen Halpin, former

chief administrator, Regions, WRVS, 93; Baroness Jeger, 81; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin.

KG, 76; the Earl of Lindsay, 41; Mr David Lloyd-Jones, conductor, 62;

Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter. 84: Miss Meg Ryan, actress, 35: Dr Robert C. Smith, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University, 61; the Ven Michael Till, Dean of Winchester,

6i: Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, former presi-dent, Royal College of Physicians, 72.

Lord Desal, Director of the Centre

for the Study of Global Gov-

ernance, London School of Economics and Political Science,

was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the

Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's, Dr Habib Zuberi presided.

Meeting

Royal Over-Scas League

Dr Michael Brindle, Preside Royal College of Radiologists, 62; Mr CJ. Farrow, chief executive.

Birthdays today

old today.

Lord Mayor of Westminster

KENSINGTON PALACE November 18: The Princess Mar-garet, Countess of Snowdon, Pa-ton, Youth Clubs Scotland, this afternoon presented the "BP Youth Clubs Scotland Grizzly Challenge and Gruff Kids" Awards at the

forthcoming retirement of the Very Rev Michael Mayne as Dean of James Watt Centre, Heriot Watt University, Riccarton, Edinburgh. Westminster. Among those University, Riccarton, Edinburgh.
Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord
Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh. The Right Hon The Lord
Provost Eric Milligan.
November 18: The Duke of
Gloucester this morning visited Westminster. Among those present were mrs Michael Mayne, the Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Chanters, Lod and Lady Pollen. Baroness Hooper, Lady Pollen. Lieutenant-General Sir Alan and Lady Resy, Vice-Admiral Sir James and Lady Westherall. Councillor Revin Cardner of Paries, Councillor David Avery, Councillor Jenny Blanco, Councillor Alan Bradley, the Rev Barry Fenton, the Rev Dr and Mrs

Irvine Development Corporation's Harbourside project, Irvine New Town and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran (Major Richard Henderson).

In the afternoon His Royal Highness opened Wilson House, Hansel Village, Symington. YORK HOUSE

wember 18: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Over-seas Trade Board, this afternoon called on Mr Shinji Sato, Minister for International Trade and in-

dustry. Tokyo.

This evening His Royal Highness, on behalf of Her Majesty, Invested Mr Tailchiro Matsuo. Chairman of the British Market Council, with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British

The Duke later attended a Trade Mission reception, at the British Embassy, Tokyo, Japan.

Receptions

Lord Wigoder, QC Lord Wigoder, QC, as Patron of the Institute of Management Ser-vices, was the host at a reception held last night at the House of Lords to introduce the institutes new public services group, Mr A.J. Parry, chairman of the institute, Mr M. Kateley, chairman of the public services group, and Sir John Page were the speakers. Portland Place School.

Losdou Wi The Headmaster of Pordand Place School, Mr Richard Walker, and staff were the hosts at a reception held on Thursday, November 14, to inaugurate officially Portland Place School — a new mixed independent secondary school. Dr John Rae performed the opening

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lee was christened Sophie Charlotte by the Rev Chris-Hascombe, Surrey, on Sunday, November 17, 1996. The godnaments are Mrs Susie Durrell and

Legal appointment Mr Keith Charles Cutler has been appointed a Circuit Judge assigned to the Western Circuit.

DEATHS

Dinners

Peter Graves, Mrs Elizabeth Flach, Mr and Mrs Joe Glickman, Councillor Dr Cyril and Mrs Nemeth, Councillor Dr Cyril and Mrs Nemeth, Councillor Anne Mailinson, Canon and Mrs Donald Gray, Mr and Mrs Honey, Canon and Mrs Colin Semper, Rear-Admiral Kenneth Show, Mr Stuart Holmes, Mgr George Stack Lleutenant-Colonel and Mrs Milcolm Ress Mrs Auszni Kopley, Sr. Mr Austen Kopley, Mr Christian Dierieff, Councillor Pameia Bary, Mr Tony Plan, Mr and Mrs Mark Bishop, Councillor and Mrs Mark Bishop, Councillor and Mrs Mark Bishop, Councillor and Mrs John Buil, Mr David Dorey, Mr and Mrs Leonard Hawwood, Colonel Neil Johnson, Mrs Elizabeth Hunter Johnson, Councillor Carolyn Keen, the Rev Lionel Rosenfeld and Mr

Pilgrims Field-Marshal Sir Peter Inge. Chief of the Defence Staff, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Pilgrims last night at Claridge's Hotel. Mr Robert M. Worcester, chairman, presided. Lord Chalfont also spoke. Among

those present were.

The Right Rev Dr David Say, Lord Abinger, Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Hacking, Lord Vivian, Baroness Young Sir Jan Pervisi, QC, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, the Hon John Eccles, the Hon Lody de Zuloets, Lady Lever, Sir John Graham, Sir Antony Actaed, Sir Colto Chandler, Sir John Coles, Sir Michael Craig-

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Furniture Makers' Company Sir Gordon Manzie was the principal guest and a speaker at the annual ladies' dinner of the Fur-niture Makers' Company held last night at Clothworkers' Hall Mr-Hugh Joscelyne, Master, presided. Mr Edward Brett, Senior Warden, also spoke.

Anglo-Belgian Society Viscount Montgomery of Alamein presided and introduced Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, the principal speaker and guest of honour, at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Bel-gian Society held last night at 60 Knightsbridge to mark Belgian Dynasty Day (November 15). The Belgian Ambassador also spoke. United Oxford & Cambridge University Class Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Chancellor of Oxford University.

and Lord Blake were the principal speakers at a dinner of the United Oxford & Cambridge University Club held last night at the chi house. Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman, presided.

The Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess The Midland and Oxford Circuit

Bar Mess held a Dinner on Priday; November 15, in Middle Temple Hall in honour of the former Leader, Richard Wakerley, QC. and to celebrate the Silver

Anniversary of the combined Mid-land and Oxford Circuits and the appointments of Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Judge and Mr Justice Astill. The Leader of the Circuit. Mr James Hunt, QC, presided, 300 members of the Circuit attended and among

of the Circuit attended and among those present were Lady Indge, Lady Astill, Mrs. Marian Mar

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School news

Sedbergh School
The Governors of Sedbergh School announce the appointment of Mr N.A.H. McKerrow as Bursar on the retirement of Mr J.G. Joice on

December 31, 1996. The Sedbergh School Appeal Fund, Towards 500°, laurached in September, stands at more than ESS,000. The Appeal Director, Brigadier Jeremy Gaskell, OBE, may be connected at the School Appeal Office or by telephone or fax on 015396 22228.

Oh! What a Lovely War will be performed in Powell Hall November 21-23 at 7-30pm. The 107th match (The Wavell Wakefield Memorial Game between Sedbergh and Loreno will be played on Busk Holme on Saturday, November 30, to be followed by the Rawthey Ball. Entrance Scholarships and Ex-

Entrance Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded to R.W.G. Ross (Brancote, Scarborough), J.W.R. Baker (Gresham's & Cressbrook House), R.W.J. Burrill (Maksis), J.A. Forsykl (Hunter Hall & Cressbrook House), E.N. Hayles (QEGS Wakefield), A.A.D. Morbey (Beeston Hall), J.D. Symonds (Sedbergh Primary & Cressbrook House), G.H. Macklam (Durham Choristers), T.E.B. Nickell-Lean Choristers), T.E.B. Nickell-Lean (Aysgarth), M.D. Ellwood (Bow), D.R. Graham (Kirkham G.S. & Cressbrook House).
Details of Academic, Music, Art

and Sports Awards for the aca-demic year 1997-98 may be ob-tained from the Headmaster, Sedbergh School, Sedbergh, Cum-bria LAIO 5HG, tel: 015396 20535.

Service dinners

Gurkha Brigade Association. The Prince of Wales was present at the centenary London dinner of the Guricha Brigade held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, pre-sided, assisted by Brigadier M.G. Humt-Davis, chairman of the Gurkna Brigade Association.

Lloyd's Volunteer Forces Fund Major-General Jain Mackay-Dick General Officer Commanding London District, was the guest of honour at the tenth annual dinner of Lloyd's Volunteer Forces Fund held last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters. Mr Btyan Kellett, chairman of the fund.

Lectures

Morid Company of Canterbury The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered the 1996 Sir Francis Younghusband memorial lecture Youngnusband memorial secure to mark the simich anniversary of the World Congress of Faiths to the congress yesterday at Lambeth Palace. Professor Keith Ward, president, was in the chair. Mrs Sims Sharma and Dr M., Maskuq ibn Ally also spoke.

Gray's Inn
At the invitation of the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn, Professor Earl Russell, FBA, accompanied by Countess Russell, gave a lecture in hall on November 12 on "The hidependence of the judiciary in the first part of the 17th century". The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, proposed the vote of

Appointment -Dr Gillian Pugh to be Chief Emerative of the Thomas Coram Poundation for Children from February i.

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Dr J.M. Caivert and Dr J.K. Stewart The engagement is announced between James Manhew, son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Calvert, of Bearsden, Glasgow, and Jennifer Kathryn, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan Stewart, of Fulbourn, Cambridge

Mr C.J.H. Lucas and Miss C.M. Ottewell The engagement is announced between Charles James Hastings, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Lucas. of Nailsea, North Somerses, and Caroline Mary, youngest daughter of the late Mr Ernest Ottewell and of Mrs Onewell, of King's Newton,

Mr D. Matthews and Miss T. Clark The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Manthews, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Tanya, only daughter of Mrs C. Clark, of Warlingham, Surrey.

Mr A.G.F. May The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr Christopher May, of Crockham Hill, Kent, and Mrs Alison Stein. of East Finetiley, and Sally, youn-ger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Alexander, of Henley-on-Thames.

Mr J.R. Penn and Miss N.E. Skeet The engagement is announced between James Richard, son of Mr

and Mrs Sydney Penn, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Nicola Engene, daughter of Mr Jack Lufkin Garland Skeet and Mrs Pamela Christine Skeet, of Bath, Avon. Mr F.B. Schrender

and Miss F.M. Haymen
The engagement is announced between Frederik, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frederik Schreuder, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jarvis Hayman, of Goulburn, NSW, Australia.

Marriages Signor G.A. Aguelli and Miss F.A. Howe

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 16, in Varramista, Pisa Italy, of Signor Giovanni Alberto Aguelli to Miss Prances Avery Howe,

Mr D.J. Statements and Miss A.M. Bochwick The marriage took place on Pri-day, November 8, at Selfark Parish Church, of Flying Officer Duniel Simmons, son of John Simmons and Angela Surmons, of Steyning, West Sussex, to Miss Alison Borthwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Remeth Borthwick, of Meggetland, Edinburgh.

Anniversaries

BIRTH'S: Vicente Ferdinand de Les-sops, promoter of the Stet Cariel, Versalies, 1905; Tummy Dorsey, trombouist and bandlessier, Sten-andoah, Penegyvania, 1905.

DEATHS: Theobold Wolfe Tone, Irish: patrics, committed strickle, Dublin, 1798, Frans. Schubert, cam-poses, Vienna, 1828; Sir Baril Spence, architect, Sye, Schoole, 1976.

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HM Government.

Mr Malcohn Riffered, QC, Socretory of State for Porsion and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given for Pier Majestys Government yesterday at 1 Curiton Gardens in honour of the Crown

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BIRTHS

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VAN PLETSEN - Und on November 13th at The Fortland Hospital, a beautiful daughter to Louis and Whena and a sister for Luan.

Margant on Neverther 15th at home, beloved wife of Peter and nother of Sesan, Robin, Sarah and Johany, Funeral at St Mary's, Chastiston, on Friday 22nd November at 230 pm. Ramily flowers only. Donations to Riding for Disabled and St Mary's, Chastleton.

St Albans, at 1.30 pm on Thursday November 21st followed by private remaining terrical a labor date. Flowers to Painting Francis Directors, 5t Albans, (01727) 851006 by 10 am.

AYRES - On 15th November suddenly aged 61 Keith Barold Funeral Friday 22nd November 51 Like's, Grayshott, 12 midday followed by gremation at Guildford 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Association For All Speech Impaired Children (AFASC) of GM. Leff, 84 Lion Lane, Hadlemers GUZ7 IJH.

Pharmaceutical Associated at Research at 1.20 St Albans, at 1.20

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VANCE Bergi died pencefully on 14th November at the Sue Ryder Hume, Leckhampton. She will be

Sue Ryder Rome, Leckhampton. She will be laised by very many people. A Requiem Service is to be held at Chemostur Parish Church of St John Sapthst on Thursday 21st Movember at 11 am, followed by committal at Feddington Church, Dethyshire on Friday 22ad November at 2pm, Please do not send at

IN MEMORIAM --

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ARMSTRONG - On 15th November 1596 in Kuala Lumpur, to Miranda (née Spendlove) and Dominic, a Spendiove) and Dominic, a son, Henry Valentine McCansland WILA - Da Octuber 16th 1976 at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Tracey (nde Livert) and jean-Philippe, a beautiful daughter, Asne-Laure Inde. CLEMENT - On 18th November to Giulia (née Adams) am Pierre, a son, Saska Anatole es) and Wilkinson On 8th November, to Sheingh and lain, a son, Anthony Mark, a brother for James, Sam, November and Robert.

Christopher Hartley,

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LEDITCH - On Rosember 150; 1996, to Juneau (per Green) and Izn, a daughter, Hannah Construct, a sister for Wills.

Hill - On 16th November, to Sarah 'Square' (née Turnbull) and Russell, a son, George Edward Russell. to Kate (née Bissili) and Mary's, Chastleton.

Mary's, Chastleton.

15th November 1996 aged 83 years, Robert (formenly Chairman Hagt & Decker UK). Much respected by his colleagues and friends. Funeral Service takes place at St Paul's Church, Egham-Hythe, at 12 noon on Thursday 21st November 1996. Enquiries to Egham & Hythe Funeral Directors, 98 Thorpe Les Road, Egham, Suney, tak (01784) 464749.

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indith and Ian, a son, Patrick Edwin, a brother for Bobin. November 15th 1996, to Clare (née Krefting) and

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forember at The Portland lospital, to Carolyne (nee fores) and Alexander a sen, a brother for Francesca, Josephine and Edmund.

EAVALE - On FOth October, in
Smile (noe Thompson) and
Paddy, the joy of a daughter,
Imagen Charlotte Claffe. BEDDARD - Betty (née Wellam) on November 14th, widow of Dr. Eoger Beddard, much missed mother and grandmother Private funesal 12 som 22nd November 16

TAYLOR - On 15th Movember, to Catherine (née Elliott) and Julian, a daughter, Camilia Bose (Millie), a sister for Alexander and George.

1996, suddenly in a tar scribent Manares Fatenia Washings, in her Slar year, dearly loved mother of Egs and Catol and very, very special to her seven grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Freisham, at I pm on Friday November 22nd, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please; donations in Nov to Phyllis Tackwell Hospics, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Sezzey.

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Street, London NWI, tel(0171) 387-6075. DAVES - Lastin Allest on 14th November 1996 suddenly in hospital aged 72 years, danty loved husband of jo, father of Elizabeth, Hunny and Streen and opendiather to Rebecca, Lucy, Gry, Ently, Juhrt and William, Penseni Service at The Mid-Versicality Commenter at The Mid-Versicality Commenter at 11 am Faundly Course and plane but donations may be sent for the Africa Co. A.E. Beanett & Sons, 34 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 SEE.

SEVAN - On 17th November, peacefully at Scothampton General Hospital. Thomas Wayne, aged 91, of Lymington, Hampshire. Husband of the isse Lucy Bovan (nos Burdekin). Will be sadily missed by his daughter Ann Daley, her founly and all his relations and friends in England and Australia. Creating private at his request.

BLAMPY - On 15th Forember at Funchal, Madeira. John Reeder, dearly loved husband of Bridget Blandy and father of Auriol, Eichard, and father of Auriol, Richard, Edward, Michael and Rosemary, peacefully at home after a ther tillness at the end of his 87th year. Donations it desired towards The Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Funchal, clo PO Box 408, Funchal, Madeira, Fortugal.

on 18th November in her 86th year, peacefully after a her 86th year, peacefully after a heise Burns with her usual patience and documen, deoply loved by her husband Eric and her daughters june Jeanson and Jerous Baher, influintly deer to her many limits, Puneral Sartier at Coders Green Commissions on Monday 25th November, 230 pm West Chapel. No Howen places Densities if desired to Winged Fellowship Trast, Angel House, Pentonville House, Ni.

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FIELD-SMITH - On 16th
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MULTIPOS - Addison MOVE, No. Lieutenant Commander ENVE SOE Naval Section, the passently, ed 99 is Marbella, Spain, on 17th November 1996. Greatly missed by the family and falence. GORDON - On November 11th, in hospital, Depine Mich, formerly of Highgate, beloved mother of Michael. Gitt. - Phyllis Joan (née Waiter), wife of the late Humphrey Clarendon Gill, peacefully at home on November 8th 1996 aged 87. Funeral Service will take piace on Priday Borumber 22nd at St Margaret's Church, Clay-Next-Sea, Nocholk at 21 am, followed by interment at St Margaret's Churchyard Preservice Council Barber Funeral Hume, 317 Ayisham Boad, Forwich, NGS 246 by Sam please.

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November at Shaftesbury Hospital, Gwindyn, gwntly loved wite of Jackie for 49 years and previously of the late Renald Marghly, believed mother of Lois, Grands and Virginia, devoted grandmother of Alastry, Harriet, Selina and Madeleina, and beloved sister of Rancy McDowall. Require Mans at 19 Church of All Saints, Wardows, m. Tisbury, Wiltshire, at 12 mon on 22nd November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to SEAPA, The Engs House, 65 The Close, Selisbury, Wils. 871 2EE. Enquires to Merafield and Henstridge, (01747) 883512.

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HAYDON - Hajor Heary, EACC (Bet's), on 16th Newember at St. Heiler Hospital, Caushalton, aged 82, Deares husband of Rachel, father of Elizabeth Anne, Grie, Kyn, Mikki. and Hearry, grandfather of Clare, rucholes, Rachel and Guy, Ben and Becky, Danny and Ghia, and William Herey and grandfather of Los and Esther. Requisin Mass at Holy Cross Chusch, North Street, Carshalton, 3 pm. Peday 22nd Nevember. Bay he west in peace. Family flowers only. Danations in Hen in Onfain Zuhy Appeal or Sheiper coly. Danations in Hen in Onfain Zuhy Appeal or Sheiper coly. Danations, 1945
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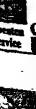
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REGINALD BEVINS

Reginald Bevins, PC, former Postmaster General and Conservative MP for Toxteth. Liverpool, 1950-64, died on November 16 aged 88. He was born on August 20, 1908.

eginald Bevins belonged to the era when the Conservatives still held six out of Liverpool's then nine parliamentary seats. But he was an unusual phenomenon even for that period in that, before becoming a Conservative MP. Rie had served as a Labour member of Liverpool City Council. Once in the Commons, he joined the very select band of working-class Tory MPs - in the postwar era certainly no disadvantage when it came to preferment. He may well have owed his rise within the party — first to be Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Works, then at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and finally to Cabinet rank as Postmaster General — as much to his background as anything else. John Reginald Bevins was born in Liverpool, one of five children of a commercial trav-

elier who later became a shopkeeper. He was educated at Dovedale Road Elementary School and then at Liverpool A ollegiate, a grammar school which drew its pupils from all over the city. On leaving school, he immediately joined the Labour Party - serving as election agent for it in two successive general elections (1929 and 1931) in the sale Conservative constituency of Wavertree. In 1935 he was elected to Liverpool City Council as a Labour councillor.

But, according to his own account, distillusion was not slow in setting in. Resentful of left-wing attacks on Neville Chamberlain after Munich and anyway disenchanted by the brawl-like atmosphere of the meetings of the Labour caucus - he abandoned the Labour Party and joined the Tories even before the Second World War broke out.

He spent the entire war with the Army, first in the Royal Artillery and then with a commission in the Royal Army Service Corps, where he rose to be a major. Back sitting now as a Tory on Liverpool City Council, he unsuccessfulfought the 1945 general Niction as a Conservative in West Toxteth, two years later losing again at a by-election. this time in the Edgehill

The general election of 1950. however, brought him his reward. Given the new combined seat of Toxteth to fight

by the Liverpool Tory machine, he succeeded in capturing it by 2,620 votes (even at that election, thanks to the Orange vote, the Conservatives held five out the city's nine seats). In Parliament Bevins had one early stroke of luck. Although he had never met him, he was invited by Harold Macmillan - no doubt advised by the Chief Whip of the day, Patrick Buchan-Hepburn ta former MP for East Toxteth) - to become his Parliamentary Private Secretary. Bevins accepted with alacrity and never regretted it

In the initial days of the 1951 Churchill Government, the Ministry of Housing was where a great deal of the action took place. Coming to office with a pledge to build 300,000 new houses a year, the whole Government (minus perhaps R. A. Butler at the Treasury) realised how important it was for the party to fulfil that promise. Macmillan, therefore, tended to get his way in Cabinet, even on such matters as the import of raw materials, in face of the vain protests of the Chancellor And, in the ministry itself morale was high, too. "We shall have a great party." Macmillan had told Bevins on inviting him to join him - and that, in effect, with one of the most talented and energetic teams in Whitehall, is what they did.

of the Government came for Bevins in 1953 but, after his days as bag-carrier to Marmillan, the Ministry of Works proved something of a back-water. The truth, of course, was that he and his first minister — the elegant but somewhat aloof Sir David Eccles - were chalk and cheese, and things did not notably improve under the two successors he subsequently served. It was, therefore, with some relief after nearly four years that he learnt that he would be returning to the Ministry of Housing, though not on any promotion but still in the rank of Parliamentary Under-Secretary (junior ministers, like curates, tended to serve longer apprenticeships in those days).

Promotion to membership

The consolation prize for Bevins was that he found himself under Henry Brooke for whom, slightly improbably (since no one could have had less in common with the new Prime Minister), he conceived an admiration only slightly less than that which he had originally felt for Macmillan. It fell to the freshly recruited Parliamentary Under-Secretary to handle a good deal of the legislative work on the first Tory Rent Act of 1957 - an



storm of protest it provoked, probably justified his belief that he had finally worked his passage as a junior minister.

When promotion eventually came — after Macmillan's victory at the 1959 election — it was not, however, in the shape he had foreseen. Bevins had hoped that he might be ap-pointed to the Ministry of Health - at the time one of the borderline posts, sometimes in and sometimes out of the Cabinet, Instead, however, he was offered the job of Postmaster-General, a position that had not been in the Cabinet since 1924 and was generally rated as the most junior among all the government departments.

Just past his 51st birthday Bevins, though, threw himself into his new responsibilities with vigour. There was a lot going on in terms of broadcasting - the Pilkington report came out during his period of office, the BBC was about to acquire the third

panies were becoming increasingly restive about the Treasury levy. Bevins, however, soon proved that he was less amenable to pressure from the ITV mogula than some of his predecessors.

In doing so - and successfully piloting the 1963 Television Act through the Commons - he rather blotted his copybook with some of his colleagues, who did not wish to alienate prospective corporate contributors in the run-up period to an election. But, as things worked out. Bevins's nerve held better than anyone else's, and the Bill went through, including the provision that in future the Treasury levy should apply to turnover rather than to profits. By standing out in the face of pleas from figures in the higher reaches of the party he

had, however, hardly strengthened his own political standing. He was also to lose the protection of his original patron, since Macmillan re-

signed through ill-health in the autumn of 1963. Bevins, a supporter of the Chancellor, Reginald Maudling, was one of the more vociferous opponents of Alec Douglas-Home's accession — announcing in the green room of a television

All this, and his feeling that the Tory party had been handed back to the grandees (he once ruefully reflected at a ministers' meeting at Cheovers that of all those present only he and Ernest Marples could not boast of owning a country estate) did something to account for his vulnerability when the last challenge of his political career confronted

studio when he heard the news

that that was the next election

in 1962 the Conservative Government had decisively beaten a lengthy postal strike but two years later the Union of Post Office Workers was back with a fresh claim. This time Bevins took it seriously arguing to the Cabinet that the

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Bill for written's suffrage, a measure which has been endorsed by the representatives of

It was arranged that the deputation, about 300 strong, should proceed to the House of

Commons in detachments. The first detach-

ment, numbering perhaps 20, included Mrs. Pankhurst and other leading ladies, and reached St. Stephen's entrance at 20 minutes

past one. A number of their comrades had for

the people in the House of Commons."

best course would be settle it at 5 per cent before the election got too close. He received, however, absolutely no sup-port from the Cabinet - to whom he had hardly endeared himself over the ITV levy and was ordered to stand firm The consequence was exactly as he had predicted. By July, with an election round the corner, the Government capitulated at 62 per cent - and the Postmaster General found himself made the whipping boy for having "opened the floodgates to higher wages".

For once however, the colleagues", as Tory ministers vere known in those days, had misjudged their man. Reginald Bevins was no Christo pher Soames - who in similar circumstances allowed himself to be offered up by Margaret Thatcher as a ritual sacrifice for the successful Civil Service strike of 1981. The old socialist from Liverpool was made of sterner stuff.

Losing his seat in Toxteth. as he expected, at the 1964 general election. Bevins promptly proceeded to exact his revenge. Scarcely was the Wilson Government through its first hundred days than in January 1965 a series of articles started appearing in the Sunday Express in which the Conservative Party found all its social snobbery and antediluvian tendencies examined and analysed.

At that time especially such "telling tales out of school" simply was not done - and Bevins, who was later that year to expand the articles into a short book entitled The Greasy Pole, soon found himself cast as a pariah. Although he had been aworn of the Privy Council on his appointment as Postmaster-General in 1959, no further mark of official recognition ever came to him. His announcement in June 1965 that he would not be fighting the Toxteth seat at the next election merely ratified the ending of a political career that was already effectively

In his retirement from politics Bevins continued to practise occasional political journalism - polgnantly hinting in an interview as late as 1968 that he might yet return to politics — but found his main occupation as managing director of a Halifax firm called F. Francis and Sons (Holdings) with interests in boilers, lifts and plastics. In his latter years he had suffered sustained ill-health and had been under professional care. He is survived by his wife Nora, whom he married in

KENNETH **MORTON EVANS**

Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth Morton Evans OBE, wartime Radio Security Service and MI5 officer, died on October 23 aged \$6. He was born on November 19, 1909.

THE Government Code and Cipher School, which was located at Bletchley Park, has earned a celebrated reputation for its performance during the Second World War in cracking German military and diplomatic codes and thereby unwrapping the secrets of their Engima ciphering machine. But for these leats to be performed the radio messages first had to be detected, recorded and passed on to the analysers.

Early in the summer of 1939. when war seemed inevitable to many. Lord Sandhurst of MI5 approached Arthur Watts, then president of the Radio Society of Great Britain. to enlist the services of his widespread network of radio hams, those dedicated enthusiasts who know each other best by their five-digit alphanumeric call signs, in order to supplement the inadequate national radio-location and direction-finding capacity.

As a Territorial Army officer and with five years' amateur experience in radio, Morton Evans was soon recruited into an organisation of eventually more than 1,500 Voluntary Interceptors, or VIs, originally asked to locate enemy agents operating transmitters within Great Britain. All civilian transmitters had been impounded, but the receivers were not. Known as MIS(c), or the Radio Security Service (RSS),

the headquarters of the organisation was originally at Wormwood Scrubs prison until bombed out, when it moved to Arkley View, near Barnet. Itsoon became clear that there were no radio-operating spies around, but the network did discover a large number of distant-sounding signals with unusual operating procedures which did not fit into the normal peacetime classes of traffic. Volunteers were each given a section of the shortwave spectrum to search for such signals. Used to working with very faint emissions from other hams around the world, these amateurs turned out to be highly skilled at reading. and recording German wireless traffic.

From these small beginnings, the RSS was expanded. and equipped to undertake interception, collation and direction-finding activities. In 1941 it became answerable to

Brigadier Richard Gambier-Parry, the communications head of the Secret Intelligence Service, Ml6, who asked Morton Evans to take over the running of the Arkley View headquarters as deputy con-

troller, RSS Towards the end of the war in Europe, Morton Evans and seven others were given back their transmitters in order to trail a coat in front of German radio amateurs. But Operation Flypaper, as it was called, was not thought to have had a -measurable effect. Evans was appointed OBE in 1946 for his services to the RSS. Leaving the Army as a



lieutenant-colonel, he worked for MIS and was Head of Registry when he retired in 1963. Between 1954 and 1957 he was seconded to the Atomic Energy Authority.

Kenneth Morton Evans was educated at Charterhouse and New College, Oxford, where he read physics and chemistry. Upon graduation, and following the death of his father, he managed the family estates at Llangennech in Car-marthenshire, while also joining the Territorial Army.

At the outbreak of war he. with several others of his regiment, had the great misfortune to be infected with trichinosis from undercooked pork sausage. The resulting persistent illness prevented foreign service and affected his long-term health.

in retirement he preserved his enthusiasm for amateur radio and his many and widespread acquaintances included a Leicestershire farmer with whom he had been in frequent contact for more than half a century. A skier in his youth, he also had keen horticultural interests and a deep scientific knowledge.

He married his second wife. Gina Clough-Taylor, in 1964 and is survived by her and the son and daughter of the first marriage.

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A crowded meeting was held at noon by the Women's Social and Political Union in the Caxton Hall. Minister was unanimustry adopted: This meeting of women, gathered together in the Caxton Hall, protests against the policy of shuffling and delay with which the agitation for woman's enfranchisement has been mer

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Washington to join the small political section of the Embassy. He was extremely successful in opening up communication channels with US government officials, congressmen and journalists. His cables and reports back to Stockholm enabled the Swedish Government to get a realistic picture of the diplomatic crisis, as well as of the eventual signs of an emerging

relaxation of the indignation of the US Government. Nilsson's performance as a

Washington attracted attention in Stockholm, and he was entrusted with other sensitive assignments, both at home and abroad. From 1981 to 1984 he was the political counsellor at the London Embassy - an assignment that was not difficult, given the warm relations between Sweden and the United Kingdom. During those three years in London he was confirmed in his belief that he had cherished from his youth: that the United Kingdom is a most civilised country. After a couple of years as the

Moscow, Nilsson was appointed Ambassador to Prague in 1988. He was quick to recognise that the Communist regime was coming to an end. He became the friend of the leaders of the democratic opposition whom the secret police in vain tried to isolate. And when Vaclav Havel and his collaborators took over Free Czechoslovakie, Nilsson served as an informal adviser in foreign policy matters.

Back in Stockholm, when

Carl Bildt formed a coalition Government in 1991, he saw Nilsson as the obvious choice young embassy staffer in for the post as the number two

in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the three years that he stayed as Permanent Under-Secretary he was the unchallenged foreign policy adviser to the Cabinet. Although the four political parties in the coalition Government all shared the same foreign policy philosophy -closer relations with Europe while maintaining the traditional policy of neutrality there were often differences of opinion in various concrete matters. Nilsson showed a mastery in drafting comprodeputy chief of mission in mise solutions.

When the Bildt Government was ousted in 1994 and the Social Democratic Party once again took over the Government, Nilsson was appointed Ambassador to London. He was fascinated by the political power play in Britain and loved to go to the party conferences. His dispatches to Stockholm about British foreign and domestic policy found a most interested readership. But he could now also devote time to his hobbies. British football, horse racing

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and British literature. Nilsson is survived by his wife Charlotte.

ON THIS DAY

November 19, 1910

By the end of the day 119 arrests had been made. Votes for women were granted in 1918 for those over 30; ten years later the age was lowered to 21, and in 1969 the voting age for all was reduced to 18.

some time been parading the road there with banners inscribed "No more shuffling, carry the Bill." There is time if they've the will." and "Down with the Premier's veto." A

considerable crowd had collected.

The first ladies to arrive were allowed to stand just outside the entrance to the House, and remained there quietly. The crowd pushed forward and covered the road till the police began to clear the thoroughlare. The banner-bearers had now grouped themselves in front of the throng, and as they were being pushed back with the rest their banners went

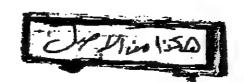
down one by one, apparently statched by members of the crowd, and were torn and

smashed into streets and fragments. At frequent intervals a woman would disengage herself from the mass and rush across the road, or as far as she could get before a policeman or two gave chase, caught her, and pushed her back through the crowd. The pavement at the back of the Abbey was

now cleared, and presently the crowd was driven right back to Bridge-street. Before that operation was completed, however, a woman rushed at the wall of Palace-yard and tried to climb over. She was captured just in time. One of her comrades, however, slipped through the cordon, got on to the wall, and tried in climb or fling herself down into the yard, a height of 12 or 15 leet. She was apparently unused to mountaineering or her dress caught on a buttress, and she was saved from a dangerous fall by two policemen, who caught her before she reached the ground. Several police had their heimets knocked off in carrying out their duty, one was disabled by a kick on the ankle, one was cut on the face by a belt, and one had his hand cut....

The number of persistent raiders who were put under arrest had risen to over 80 at dusk. but even then deputations continued to arrive from Caxton Hall, Each batch made a dash at the police cordon, and when the House rose, about 6 o'clock, 119 arrests had been made . . .

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A R M L III I MARKET SERVICE S

As telecommunications managers prepare for their annual conference, Ian Scales reports on the impact of upheavals in the industry







The battle for your telephone line

munications managers assemble in Brighton for their annual they will expect to be told just how far the UK telecoms industry has come and how they should brace themselves for even more change in the future. Even the sentiments, but it is difficult to think of another to which they could be better applied.

A Telecommunications Managers Association conference ten to LS years ago was a clubby get-together where delegates grumbled gently about the terms on which British Telecom allowed them to connect their companies' telephone systems to the public network.

At Brighton this week BT will be just one of dozens of network operators and service providers

associated exhibition as the battle for their hearts, minds and budgets enters a new phase.

been forced Any to implement operator can now apply to become a fully licensed UK equal access ? international oper-

ator, where before BT and Mercury had a duopoly. Number portability services have been launched so that a change of operator need not mean a change of number, with its attendant expense and inconvenience. While this feature is expected to have the greatest impact on the residential market, where the cable companies are om RT clutches, it will eventually be applied to business customers where the requirement for a number change is thought to have dampened the effects of service

International services is also a booming market and, again, it is the UK's large organisations that are the plum targets. But fresh in the minds of all those attending the conference will be the two seismic corporate realignments. After talk of a merger with BT, Cable & Wireless eventually opted to take most of the UK's cable industry under its wing. Then, only weeks later, BT announced that it would merge with MCI, its American global service partner. The industry as a whole is still absorbing the likely immediate and long-term impact of this shuffle of the deck.

Licensed as a patchwork of cable munications industry has found its geographical fragmentation a serious barrier to telecoms competition and mergers had long been urged and expected. But the sudden consolidation of Mercury Com-NYNEX Cable-Cablemedia and Videotron took the cable industry by surprise. The move put more than half of

the existing franchised homes under the control of one group largest operator with its four mil-

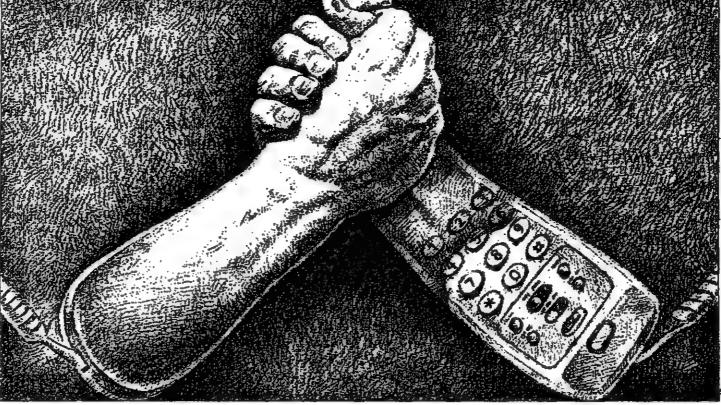
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lion franchised homes, three remaining operators with between one and two million homes and a rump of minnows. Further consolida-Now Cable and Wireless Com-

munications, as

the new group is called, faces a lengthy business re-engineering process as it attempts to knit its still-fragmented holdings together. BT's decision to throw in its lot with MCI is a final recognition that publicly quoted incumbent operators must take their focus offshore if they are to keep their revenues out the merger, BT could only look forward to having its UK market

share chipped away. While the telecoms services' cake itself is growing, due in part to competition. BT's slice and the tightening noose thrown around its profits by the regulator means it must find new, growing revenue streams if the shareholders are to be kept happy. BT has cash and MCI needs it to take advantage of the opportunities created by deregulation in the UK market. For telecoms users both moves



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can only serve to quicken the pulse of competition in the UK market. While some concerns have been expressed over the development of a new duopoly through the formation of Cable and Wireless Communications, this move also makes it more likely that the cable groups competing head on with each other where before they tended to cooperate. And Mercury, after all, will continue to compete with the remaining cable operators for busi-

Delivering business services by microwave radio could be one means by which this new competition could be brought to bear without further digging up the streets. There are signs of unease,

Telia UK, a subsidiary of the Swedish national operator which

offers international telecoms services to UK buisness users, claims there is a danger that "smaller, innovative operators" could be

At present the cable companies

do not have to give service providers like Telia. BT and Mercury do. But likely that the regulator will eventually move to change the rules, at least for those

access operators who build a significant customer base. Some UK operators think the regulatory environment could still tip more in the direction of new entrants. In the UK the principle that BT customers

should be able to use the services of another operator - for international calls for instance - has been well

the United States.

are able to nominate the long distance carrier of their choice and all their calls are routed to the right network. In the

UK. BT remains the default option for its customers, who must dial a prefix to use an alternative carrier. AT&T is especially keen that BT be subject to this requirement and views its proposed merger with

MCI as an opportunity to point out

that the "equal access" advantage it gains when in competition with AT&T in the American market has. not been yielded in the UK where roles are reversed.

Other competitive operators remain more sanguine. John Beaumont, director of strategy and believes neither the BT nor Cable & Wireless moves will have any effect on his company's prospects. He says both moves are a logical progression and will ultimately enhance the competitive environment in the UK.

Referring to the BT/MCI merger he says: "They must be able to make one plus one equal three or more. There are undoubtedly lots of incremental benefits and synergies flowing from the merger." Most UK telecoms managers will proba-

Paxman to host main conference seminars

TMA29, the 29th annual convention of the Telecommunications Managers Association, takes place in Brighton on November 25-27. The theme. Unleashing the Corporation, will address the challenge of how companies, large and small, can learn to marry business objectives with new technologies to fulfil the potential of their business.

For the industry, the TMA puts the issue starkly: "Those which harness the power generated by technology data, voice and image — can adapt to the changing marketplace, and continue to thrive. Those which do not canno

hope to survive."

The main conference ses sions will be chaired by the television broadcaster Jeremy Paxman and will examine how technologies will devel-op, how global markets will change and how partnerships will alter the way in which the industry conducts its

Speakers will include Mar-

garet Beckett, Shadow Secrepary of State for Trade & Industry, Sir Peter Bonfield chief executive of BT, Richard Brown, chief executive of Cable & Wireless, Don Cruickshank, Director Gener director of telecoms and media industries at IBM, and Merrill Tutton, chief executive of AT&T (UK). TMA Scotland is holding its own event in Glasgow on Novem-ber 25 and 26, and several sessions of the Brighton conference will be teleconferenced from Brighton to the

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magine being able to send a corporate-wide memo across several countries at the touch of a button. Imagine being able drastically to reduce the cost of information technology support while transforming its ability to communicate and give staff information that they need. Intranet technology promises all of the above and more.

Perhaps best described as corporate-wide webs, intranets involve bringing together Internet and traditional office network technology. Matt Reid. intranet business development manager at Sun Microsystems, describes intranets as "deploying internet technology inside an organisation".

enable office workers to abandon their bulky computers. Instead they will have a network computer (NC) taking its processing power and therefore its software from a server. From their NCs, users will choose to set it up. Intranets do not have to use NCs but they are cited as being the future because they provide a cheap-er and more efficient network solution. With support and maintenance, desktop computers can end up ensting several times their original price. Software on an infranet is instailed onto a server and only needs to be supported from that point.

However, "browsers" are the key attraction to intranets. Browser technology can run on any machine. The success of the Internet bears testament to its ease of use. Users are not restricted in what applications they can have access to, regardless of what machine they are working on. A web browser can deal with text, images. sound, video and software. All the users have to do is select what they want and download it from the server.

Mercury Communications has recently installed an intranet called QuickSilver. Jim Reynolds, head of Internet products and services, says that in its early days it is mainly a source of ad hoc information. "Employees can access information on holidays, pensions, company cars eac. In the long term it will be a useful tool to assist in general process re-engineering.

He makes the point that most corporations have the infrastructure already in place to set up their own intranets: Most companies will have to

do little more than invest in

But the single most impressive thing about this technology is its ability to exist without relying on a single manufacturer for any one of its component parts. Servers, desktop units and browsers are all available from an array of sources - and they all work

perfectly well together. Glazo Wellcome, the pharmaceutical giant, installed an intranet in 1995 to provide a cost effective way of delivering information to its research arm. One of the first things that the company put on the web was its phone book and restaurant menus. Roger



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ogy and advancement at Glaxo Wellcome, says: "We were keen for people to learn about the system. People want

feel threatened, and if you can find an enjoyable activity they will experiment with the system and learn at the same

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Online race goes to the wire

The race is on to pro-vide multimedia services to homes and businesses in Britain. television companies are preparing to launch highspeed Internet access in competition with BT, while bracing themselves to deliver multichannel digital TV ahead of BSkyB. Businesses are looking to the Internet to give them a competitive edge in sales and marketing as well as in inter-

Two large cable television companies, Nynex Cable-Comms and TeleWest, have ecently started trials of cable modems involving business and residential customers. Cable modems connect to highcapacity coaxial cable television lines, allowing access to the internet at speeds of up to ten times faster than a modem operating through a standard copper telephone line.

Both Nynex and TeleWest expect to offer PC users access to the Internet from cable modems by the middle of next year, having postponed earlier plans to offer interactive tele-vision services such as videoon-demand. Ian Hood, a spokesman for TeleWest, says: interactive TV is a technology without a proven market, whereas there is an immediate demand for high-speed Internet access,"

Next autumn, BSkyB - in Which News International, owner of the The Times, has a 40 per cent stake — will launch digital services offering 150 to 200 channels of satellite television as well as interactive services such as video-ondemand, home shopping, banking and Internet access. Faced with this threat, the cable companies have begun a consolidation process which is likely to leave them with just two or three big operators by

the end of next year.

Last month, three cable companies, Nynex, Bell Cablemedia and Videotron, merged with Mercury Communications, the British subsidiary of Cable & Wireless, the international telecommunications company. The newly-formed powerhouse, called Cable & Wireless Communications, will have access to six million franchise homes, compared to TeleWest's 4.2 million homes.

Robin Arnfield on the cable combines who want to grab a big share in the digital television revolution



television to companies will concentrate on homes, BT has yet to replace providing a large number of its copper lines in the local digital television channels plus video-on-demand and fibre. However, there have The specifications that the been widespread press reports that it is planning next year to deploy ADSL (asymmetric

digital subscriber line) technology nationwide.
ADSL allows digitally-compressed video signals to be transmitted over existing copper lines, enabling BT to offer ast Internet access as well as

video-on-demand. In June, BT completed a 12month test of interactive television in East Anglia using ADSL. It says the services on offer were warmly received. with the home-shopping pur chase rate similar to mail order and 75 per cent of the 5,000 people involved in the test ordering two to three

videos a month. The cable television companies are working hard to ensure that their networks are ready to switch to digital at the same time as BSkyB and any BT interactive service. Mr Hood says that even if "some of the pieces do not fit, we still won't delay the launch of

Web sites proliferating and companies in every sector investigating the possibility of online commerce. According to KPMG Management Consultants, marketing directors at British companies with turnovers of more than £200 million expect revenues from

cable companies are drawing up for their digital television

set-top boxes are expected to

include the capability to access
the World Wide Web and a

Intranets, internal company networks based on Internet technology, are a major breakthrough. In April, a BT audit estimated that by using intranets to disseminate information throughout the organisation, executives could save 18 per cent of their time, equivalent to a day a week, or

determine which will become

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The Internet is already hav-

ing a serious impact on British

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company of BT's size. ■ The author is editor of the

It's cheap, flexible and pages of multimedia informa-tion on the Internet. With the poised for take-off imminent launch of WebTVs. a television set incorporating Internet access software and hardware, and improvements Annie Turner in PCs ability to handle sound

come such an intrinsic part of our lives that we tend to overlook its two primary drawbacks: we can normally only talk to one other individual at once and we cannot see the person to whom we are speaking.

Solutions to remedy the latter -- video phones for the home and video conferencing for the office - attract much coverage, even though video phones so far are expensive with low quality. pictures.

Internet-related business to On the other hand, soreach 17 per cent of total sales called teleconferencing that allows anything from three to hundreds of people to be involved in the same call tends to attract little attenchatline services. Yet it is chean, flexible, could be widely available and has some big advantages over voice links. Terri Veitch is director of £350 million a year for a the Community Network, a

beyond expensive need it most." charity that sets up and administers affordable

reports on the advantages of

group calling range of groups that want to communicate by phone. . She says the organisation has experienced a four-fold increase in conferences since 1992 to reach 230 sessions a month over the last year, with an average of eight

participants. Ms Veitch says:

Ninety eight per cent of the UK population has access to phone and telephone groups can alleviate stress. provide comfort and support by reaching out to those who Community Network also

runs international sessions. for modern language stu-dents at the Open University who live in remote areas such as the Highlands and Islands and isolated places

services have been the prov-ince of the business world, which does not mind paying a premium price, but there are indications that this is about to change. According to Frost & Sullivan, analysts: the worldwide market for teleconferencing .- equipment and services estimated to be worth \$2,000 million (£1,200 million) a year and is growing at around 30 per cent annually. Jeff Wilson, chairman of Telsis, a company in Fareham, Hampshire, that specialises in providing to public operators and pri-There will be a big shift in the way teleconferencing services are marketed and

priced. Telecoms competition in the UK means the perate to find ways of stimulating call volumes and differentiating

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phones are left unanswered. Combined with clear options, including default to an operator, voice processing can relieve switchboard operators of the onerous task of responding to routine inquiries, leaving them free to offer a better service to callers who cannot be handled by the system.

"Our 150 and 151 customer service facilities are the primary contact for 25 million residennial customers nationally." says Eddy Sobieralski, CTI systems manager at BT. "We The and die by the perception of our quality of service and the performance offered to

With about 15 per cent of all calls to customer service centres being wrongly channelled, BT invested £1.2 million in a Syntellect interactive voice response system that handles approximately 170,000 residential sales, accounts and repair service in-

Emergency services are using voice processing to disseminate information fast. The Lincolnshire police are using a Kingston Communications* system to beat thieves. "If we get information on crimes, suspicious people or vehicles. the computer relays a pre-recorded message to 3,000 neighbourhood watch co-ordinators," says Inspector Ken Meanwell, "We use the system to protect horses, and 900 local farmers will soon join the scheme to combat arson attacks and livestock theft."

Rather than relying on the police slowly knocking on doors warning of flood danger, the Environment Agency asked Kingston Communications to install 26 separate voice processing around the country.

Computers store the numbers of properties at risk in an area and, when necessary, I they are called with instructions from the police. The system logs unconfirmed calls and that information is given to the emergency services," explains Brendan Paddy at the Environment Agency, "There are 4,000 addresses in England and Wales at high risk from flooding, but we can now

extend warnings to 14,000 properties."

formation inquiries to Newcastle Airport are now processed by software connect ing callers to a live and continually updated database. callers can use flight numbers or arrival/departure times to get accurate information. The system is being expanded to include weather reports and parking tariffs," says Deb Tate, Kingston Communica-

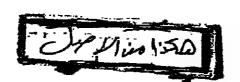
tions' marketing manager. Up to 2,500 calls are phone in daily to the College of North East London during studen enrolment. In the past they were handled by two operators and II incoming lines Frustrated, prospective students hung up when calls were an eight-line C3 Telilink system which answers all incom ing calls to the main college number. "Overall it has reduced the amount of repetitive calls we answer, so we can handle other callers more efficiently," says Ansuya Rathod, admissions officer.

Iceland, the frozen food re tailer, has integrated its telephony and computer resources to create a PC-based voice processing system. Pre-record through to individual stores telling them that order information has not been received. Before the C3 system, staff dialled each branch manually.

7 oice processing is used in as many ways as there are organisations. and technology is adding new functions and flexibility. "Integrated into the computer environment these systems are eliminating barriers between text, speech and fax. Before long voice messages will be automatically converted to text, but now they are stored on servers - eliminating transcription costs and improving message accuracy." explains Marty Parker, director of strategy, messaging products.

Lucent Technologies, We are entering a world of multimedia messaging accessed by multiple devices. Lotus Notes will be used from a phone and voice or text messages will be sent from any device to anyone anywhere in the world."

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A call and a drink is on the cards

Dain old payphones are moving beyond voice services. Smartcard technology is showing the way. Even the humble Phonecard, which contains pre-paid units for calls. could soon be used to buy small

The latest BT Phonecards contain a computer chip. This means they can store a variety of information and can be read by smartcard readers. BT says that in future it will be possible to use Phonecards not just in payphones, but also to pay for items like drinks from vending

Christine Walter, customer marketing manager for BT payphones, says: Phonecards have a role as a stepping-stone towards 'electronic purse' cards. They will help get consumers used to the idea of paying for goods with a pre-paid 'cash'

Telecommunications companies like BT hope electronic cash will catch on because it would increase telephone usage, as money is transferred onto the cards over the phone. BT is working with Mondex (an elec-

tronic purse standard developed by National Westminster Bank, Midland Bank and BT) and is also watching developments with other electronic purse

In trials in Swindon, and Exeter and York universities. specially equipped payphones can load money - over the phone - onto a Mondex smart card. The cards can be used to pay for parking, items in local newsagents and phone calls.

The very latest BT payphones called Touchpoint - have touch-sensitive screens which allow consumers to book holidays, check out local services and so on.

Another innovation in payphones makes it possible for deal people to make calls. At airports and major stations, text payphones with keyboards to type messages can be used either to communicate with another text payphone - or to relay a message via an operator. The spoken reply is then typed

JOIA SHILLINGFORD

Competition has cut the cost of mobiles, says Joia Shillingford, but there is a cheaper answer. Don't ring, page me, please areely areely areely areely areely areely areely areely areely are cellular net.

range, the cellular net-work operator, caused quite a stir when it billing in the UK. But have mobile phone calls really got much cheaper? Orange offered a simple pricing package, with a certain amount of free usage thrown in and per-second billing. Customers loved it. Not surprisingly, Vodafone and Cellnet fought back.

Both companies introduced per-second billing in at least some of their price packages. The outcome was that mobile prices have come down a bit, although calls from mobiles still cost far more than calls from a fixed phone.

Vodafone and Cellnet have both come out with bundled price packiges that include a certain number of free minutes (in Vodafone's case) or a certain amount of waived costs (in Cellnet's). They also provide per-second billing, though not in very tariff. According to the newsletter Mobile Communications. Vodafone, Cellnet, One-2-One and Orange have average monthly revenues per customer of £39, £35, £35 and £37 respectively.

in addition. There are now more options for low-usage customers," says Keith Joseph, a senior consultant at researchers Ovum. These are packages designed for people who only need a mobile occasional-



ly, such as when their car breaks wn. They have a low-monthly fee, but higher call costs.

Recently, Vodafone introduced a new kind of low-usage package: a, e-paid card. These cards can be bought at Post Offices and Vodafone has sold around 4,000 of them. For users, pre-paid cards mean they can control their spend-

ing. For Vodafone, the cards mean that it can take on customers with low credit-ratings without risk.

However, call charges are not the only issue in the mobile market. Two factors distort the market: handset prices and features. Mobile phones can cost around £200 to make, but prices are often subsidised. So a basic phone can be had

for £10-£50 and a very good phone for E75-E100. Low handset prices are usually tied in to an airtime cost to the user will be the cost of

calls and monthly charges.
Only Vodafone and Cellnet offer mobile services that conform to the Global System for Mobile (GSM) digital standard, that can be used

in most leading European cities. Value-added features include Vodafone's Telenot Fax - the ability to send 160-character faxes from some handsets via a paginglike short-message service.

Hutchison-owned Orange has a group caller tariff that saves a small business from needing a receptionist. Instead, incoming calls are routed in rotation between a group of mobile workers, such as

come down by litt more than 10 per cert in the latest round of price cuts. One mobile solution. which is more affordable is paging. Pagers are enjoying a revival particularly after the introduction

of "caller pays paging" (CPP).
Under caller pays paging, the
user pays a one-off charge to buy the pager. But callers must pay a premium to contact it. Calls to a CPP pager usually work out at 25 pence a call or 35 pence a call or depending on the pager. Mr Joseph says: "Paging has done well in countries such as the United States where you have to pay to receive cellular calls. You can avoid heavy charges by carrying a pager and only using your mobile to reply to people you want to speak to

Second Industrial Revolution is the tip of the iceberg

in a second industrial . Revolution based on communications. New industries are emerging based on information — on pictures, words and moving images and on the billions of bits of data that make up our increasingly electronic economies. The first Industrial Revolu-

tion, though, was for all to see and, as steam and steel crawled across our landscapes, the change was evident. The impact of the communications revolution has been far more subtle, hidden behind jargon and clumsy acronyms. Or at least it was, until recently.

Al Gore, American Vice-President, was probably the first to bring the public's attention to what was happening. In 1992, he used the term information superhighway to describe the growing web of networks, computers, databases and consumer electronics that would underpin the economy to 2,000 and beyond.

Next, driven by falling PC costs and ever more powerful software applications, came the Internet explosion! Add in the break-up of the old telecoms monopolies around the world, bringing choice to customers, with the United.

Kingdom very much in the vanguard, and the first parts of the technological iceberg had begun to emerge from below the surface into everyday

The information superhighway idea has captured the imagination of the business world as a new frontier that can be owned, marketed and sold. It's also captured the imagination of a public ever hungry for new stimulation and entertain-ment But what's behind all the hype from the digital gurus and messiahs? The physical capacity of any

communication medium copper cable, radio waves or laser light — to carry informa-tion is defined as its bandwidth. Many of us are now familiar with moderns where data from our computers can be sent and received at so many thousand bits per second (kilobit/s). That speed is ultimately limited by the bandwidth of the copper telephone line that we use. The higher the frequency of the signal that can be sent over

these media, the greater the amount of information that can be transmitted in a set time. This is why we use high frequency radio to send television pictures and lower frequencies to send just speech and music Our urge to communicate ever greater amounts of infor-

mation even faster led to experiments in the 1950s that transmitted microwaves down pipes. If it hadn't been for advances in fibre optics, we would now probably have retrained plumbers working as Local Area Network installers.

Fortunately, by the end of that decade and the start of the 1960s, the first lasers were appearing, offering even higher frequencies than radio waves. At the same time, fibre opies had been developed for

remote inspection in surgery and engineering.

working at Nortel's Advanced Technology Centre, then known as STL, in Harlow, wrote a scientific paper theorising that lasers could send data over optical fibres. Three years later, the comtransmission of 100,000,000 light pulses per second (a rate of 100 megabit/s — standard speed over many office Local Area Networks now) over a

From this, the technology has progressed in leaps an in memory and speed that w have seen with the PC. With techniques and rare elements worthy of a medieval aichemist, silicon is being transformed into products that make our traditional copperbased networks look as wasteful of energy and raw materials as early steam

The world's first true fibre optic communications link was installed by BT between Hitchin and Stevenage in 1977. Now, on land and under the oceans, optical fibres are carrying massive amounts of data. The latest standard for communications links is set at

ten gigabits per second (a gigabit 6 Two optical is one thousand million bits) and fibres could industry recarry 35m phone calls 9 1,000 gigabits

per second and beyond. America's current peak telephone traffic — ever 35 million voice calls — could one day. carried on just two optical

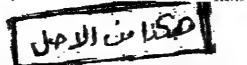
With the superhighway travelling at such speeds, ge ting information on and off it in the right place and at the right time has demanded new solutions from the network engineers. The old copper networks, having grown organically over time, used a technique called PDH (Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy) to interweave, pick up and drop off all the data travelling over the network. Clumsy and inefficient in hindsight and requiring a large workforce of engineers to maintain and control them. PDH systems are now being replaced by SDH (Synchronous Digital Hierarchy) networks.

ynchronised by a central time signal from an atomic clock computer data and digitised speech and video flow around the fibre optic rings that now surround our cities, travelling in and out to business and domestic users. When a new circuit is needed, an operator many miles away can configure it using a few computer .keystrokes...

When the inevitable JCB strikes a cable, the network automatically reconfigures itself without the subscribers being aware of any interference. For the operator, this means higher reliability and a smaller workforce. For the communications user, it means fewer faults and, evenmally, lower costs.

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Job prospects in the telecoms industry are a mixed bag with some skills in demand and others declining fast. Tony Dawe reports

Drive carefully on the career superhighway

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brighter than ever today with new research forecasting that jobs in this market will grow by 13 per cent in the next five years.

Underlining the message, BT will launch a new site on the internet this week to help the company to recruit graduates. It is looking for 750 in the next year and promises a £16,000 starting salary, nner London weighting many benefits and a personal develop-ment plan to help recruits to reach

top posts.
For those already established in the industry, headhunters are offering ever more attractive packages. Peter Lloyd of PA Consulting, one of the country's leading consultan-cy firms, says: Information technology accounts for a third of our business. Companies recognise that they cannot survive without information technology and tele-communications and that it plays a

vital part in their development. But the good news must be tempered with what is happening in the industry. While jobs in some

areas are booming, work in others is disappearing. Some companies are struggling to find people with suitable technical skills, others are laying off staff in large numbers. BP, for example, is recruiting graduates, but it is letting go 5,000 other employees this year, especially engineers, operators and clerical

Telecommunication staff in leading companies, such as banks and retail firms, are also falling victim to the trend of outsourcing. A few years ago, all the big companies had their own large information technology departments, but they have now been downsized - reduced in terms of the type of equipment and number of staff employed - and replaced by

"Jobs for life are no longer guaranteed." says David Harrington, managing director of the panies are looking to save money

by cutting jobs. In-house trainingschemes are among the first to go.

The bottom line for people in the industry is self-managed careers."

Mr Lloyd agrees: "The challenge for staff in this field is that they

must be capable of taking on new responsibilities if the roles they have been fulfilling are overtaken." But where should people looking for a career in the industry start? According to the current edition of the Penguin Careers Guide, most professionals in this field now work with users or consultants installing, programming, analysing and designing systems; controlling, managing, setting up project teams and specialist departments; liaising with other staff and training exist-

The guide forecasts that "systems programmers, systems analysts and designers and well-qualified applications programmers are all ely to be in demand for the rest of operators and less skilled programmers is dwindling fast as these

ing staff to use systems.

As BT is forced to fight increasingly hard to maintain a dominant position in the industry, the company will have particular need for innovative software engineers and marketing staff. Its new Web page also indicates that it is looking for

The problem facing communications technology manufacturers and users is a huge skills shortage not seen for a decade. The wide potential of new technologies and constant customer drive for cost efficiency and business benefits creates a worrying scenario of high demand and low supply in the

ommunications special ists have an ever increasing need to fully understand the areas in tures, the business arm of the TMA, has joined forces with NEX-



US Information Technology to launch a communications skills fair to be held in London next

It will address all of these issues and help people in the industry to understand the skills they need to technology," says Terry Chellew, TMA Ventures managing director. The TMA is also playing its part in helping members combat constant change on a regular basis and has appointed its first educational services manager, David Cogan, who takes up his duties this week.

for up to five years with regular will come out with a degree or national vocational qualification at

Technological Silk Roads of the 20th century

was an often unappreciated chap, inhabiting a world of switchboards, extensions and wires that was distinctly low-tech compared to the acolytes of the air-

The growth of networking has changed this. Information and knowledge are recog-nised as replacing capital, raw materials and energy as aging the flow of information low of vital strategic importance. The TMA conference has become filled with powerdressed executives, arguing about the savings to be made in moving the data entry department to Sri Lanka. The

virtual company starts here. comparatively straightforward business - has become incredibly complex in just a few years. By its very nature it is largely invisible and amorhous. It is also truly international in scope. The netdraws

previously sepa-rate groups, each with their own world view, each with their own A nuclear explosion agenda, each could wipe with their own microchips We have the telecom and net-

work operators and owners and their equipment suppliers; we have the y; we have broadcasters, nformation and entertainment providers; the software and hardware IT sector, and, inevitably, the lawyers and politicians. Further out on the fringes, we also have the hackers, the copyright pirates,

cyberpunks and cypherpunks. As this information society reaches into every corner of the world social economic, political and personal envicomments change too. Speed of communications, while a benefit for some, is a deeply destabilising force for others. Global communications enable international corporations to be responsible to noone - the emerging rootless. virtual company - that oursources everything and is primarily composed of knowworkers. operating across different time zones.

Alternatively, public access to sophisticated communications creates an opportunity for consumer, environmental and political groups to network together, presenting a united front across many countries, exchanging information and co-ordinating

If the old Silk Roads began by carrying both spices and syphilis to the West, what new possibilities and perils are starting to circulate in the network of networks?

With the new technologies available to us. the traditional commercial hierarchy breaks down into a far more fluid, faster moving system. This process, under current condipressures and the globalisa-

But what will replace it? Traditional industries were ing, with brains remote frrom tails and limbs. The developknowledge-based economy creates a nervous system for a new order, based on advanced and potential autonomy that reflects the evolution of our Speed, agility and high-order information processing, ogies such as ATM, SDHG, and mobile communications will be the criteria for succe over the coming decades. The

fastest predator will win. But, if we are to extend our will we deal with the challenge this places on our own identities? Balancing the global trend to integration and federalism, we can also see of tribalism and separatism that, ironically, is also starting to use information technology to spread its message. Funda

> of all political organ isations, organised crime - all these have entry to the networks as well as access to advanced cryptographic

Another immense potential danger also faces us. As we become more and more dependent on our networks, so our vulnerability to any disruption in service also increases. Much is made of the threat of terrorists getting their hands on nuclear weap ons. Physical destruction though has become unnecessary. The mere act of detonating a nuclear device miles up in the atmosphere would set off an electromagnetic pulse that would wipe every microchip in a city below. Like an advanced aircraft, the "fly-by-wire" economy is inherently unstable.

will keep their information

the changes ahead of us? Will we become more confused, more isolated or will the power of communications create new communi ties, new ways of living and working? As the world grows increasingly crowded, short of resources and polluted, it is likely that many organisations will use the power of networks to keep or increase control. It may also be likely that many will retreat behind their screens, minimising contact with an external world grown more threatening and

We have come a long way since those first fateful words of Alexander Graham Bell. "Watson, come here". The next few sleps our industry takes will affect the whole world.

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In touch with your future



Three goals from Coyne fire Baum's Bullets



A BRACE of Scottish-based players has propelled a Bury resident to the weekly £250 prize in The Times Interactive Baum, with his team Baum's Bullets, scored an impressive 48 points, assisted in no small measure by the performances of Gilles Rousset, the Heart of Midlothian goalkeeper, who did not concede a goal in two games, and Tommy Coyne, who scored a hat-trick for Motherwell on Saturday.

In the overall race for £50,000, John Hunt, from Taunton, remains the leader with 265 points. Mr Hunt continues to juggle the de-mands of his multifarious teams and still keep four of them in the top ten. The D Team leads, with the H Team only seven points behind. What one might ask has happened to the A Team? Mr Baum's team is:

Goalkeeper G Rousset (Hearts)

Full backs J Dicks (West Ham) C Wilson (Tottenham)

Central défenders D May (Manchester Utd) N Ruddock (Liverpool)

Midfield players D Beckham (Manchester Utd) P Grant (Celtic) B Laudrup (Rangers) C Robertson (Dunfermline)

T Coyne (Motherwell) C Sutton (Blackburn)

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better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You can use the ITF transfer system which allows you to

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

chase for the prizes - the overall E50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

> ball transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016.



12 pairs of Premier League tickets to be won plus lunch at Football Football

The Times Interactive Team Football and the fashionable London restaurant for sporting fans, Football Football, are offering a fabulous prize exclusive to entrants of our highly successful ITF.

You have the chance to win a buffer hunch and Christmas drink for two at Football Football plus two tickets to see Tottenham play Sheffield Wednesday The match at White Hart Lane is on Saturday, December 21. Pairs of fickets are worth £40. We have 12 prizes to be won by ITF entrants.

Football Football, situated in the heart of London's West End, is a uniquely themed family restaurant, decorated with fascinating football memorabilia, state-of-the-art special effects and coverage from magic moments past and present on giant video screens.

The lively restaurant where you eat in a fun and informal atmosphere, is endorsed by the PFA and FIFA. Opened just nine months ago, Football Football has established itself as one of the in places to visit in the capital.



For information about Football Football call 0171-930 9970.



To enter (only players of The Times FIF game) send your name, your ITF team name, ITF pin number and the answer to the question below, on a postcard or the back of a sealed envelope to: The Times Football Pootball Comp. 30 Bouverie St. London EC88 4NG. Closing date: Friday, November 29, 1996. Winners will be drawn at random: Against which country did England play their first match in Euro 96?



If your team could be doing

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club. If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the

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You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone

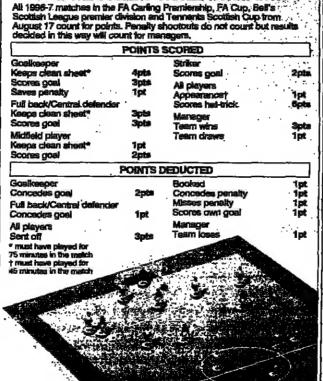
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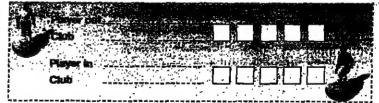
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The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before

Your new player only starts to acore points for you when his transfer is registered. The current acore of the

Calls will be charged at 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.



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Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much. (P Tuster) (R Gohil) 215 215 215 215 215 215

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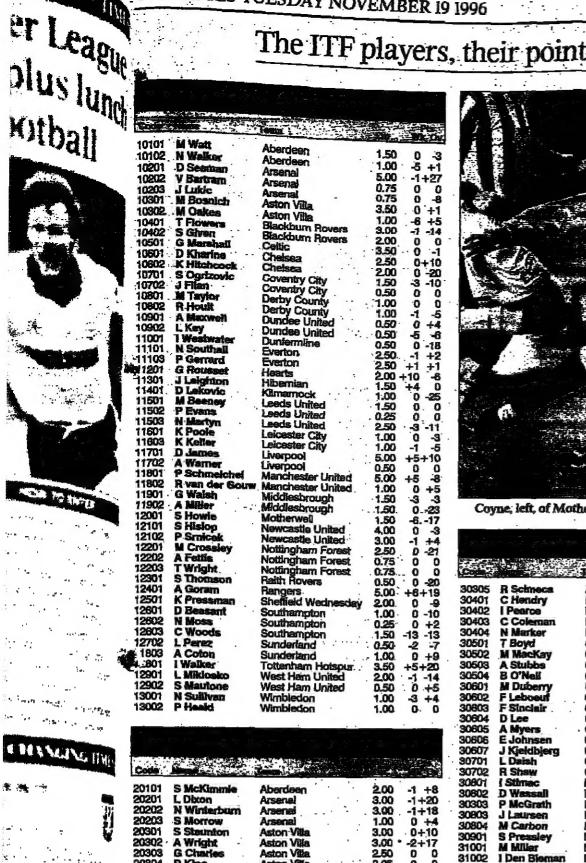
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NEWS

Firearms Bill rebels accept defeat

■ An attempt by Tory MPs to water down the Government's new gun controls, which have been prompted by the Dunblane massacre, crumbled in the Commons.

With parents of some victims watching from the public gallery, amendments to the Firearms Bill that would have excluded single-shot and sporting pistols were withdrawn as their proposers accepted they would be easily defeated. But a move backed by Labour and the Liberal Democrats to widen the ban seemed destined to fail Pages 1, 2, 10

Portillo backs arms exports inquiry

■ Michael Portillo backed calls for a fresh investigation into Britain's arms export policy after the disclosure that a British company supplied weapons to Rwanda's Government during the genocide of a million people....

Belgian scandal

The Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and a regional minister were at the centre of criminal investigations into paedophilia as the inquiry into last summer's murder scandal grew

Sinn Fein support

Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, has backed Sinn Fein's stance on the peace process in Northern Ireland Page 2

Knife raid

A man whose death in police custody sparked a riot in Brixton last year was said to have carried out a "petrifying" knifepoint burglary just before his arrest, an inquest was toldPage 3

Prescott cache

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, who defended the secret £500,000 fund set up to pay Tony Blair's office expenses, has a similar private account, it wasPage 4

New number

A £20,000 campaign to free trainspotters from ridicule invoked the names of well-known enthusiasts and commissioned designs for an outfit to replace the classic anorak...

Jams tomorrow?

A £30 million scheme to control vehicle movements on motorways - a ground-based version of air traffic control - may be in use inside three years Page 6 est public offer yet Pages 13, 27

Leaving Palace

Charles Anson, the Queen's official spokesman, is leaving his post as Buckingham Palace press secretary early next year to return to private industry Page 9

Fundraiser axed

The Democratic Party has dismissed John Huang, the fundraiser who embrailed President Clinton's election campaign in controversy about suspect Asian contributionsPage II

Boutros Ghali out

Years of acrimony in US-UN relations culminated with Washington denying Boutros Boutros Ghali a second term as UN Secre-

tary-GeneralPage 11

Hutu invasion plan Thousands of Hutu refugees are heading deeper into eastern Zaire's interior to establish a "safe and sure base" for a future invasion of Rwanda Page 12

into the unseen

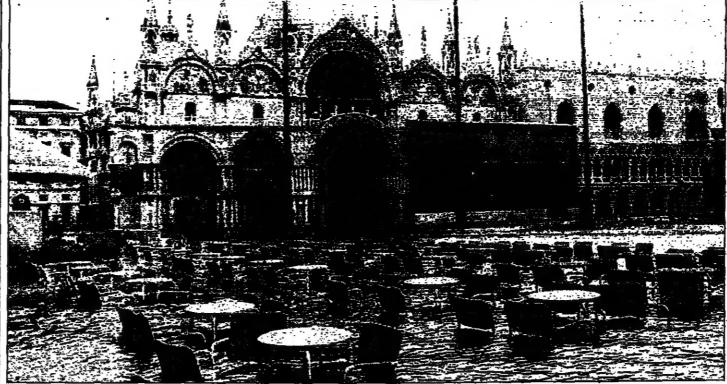
Worldwide observation might have prevented the loss of the E180 million Mars-96 spacecraft; the Russians could not see that a simple latch had failed to disconnect it from the final rocket

Getting on line

Germans raided piggy banks and savings accounts to buy about £8 billion worth of Deutsche Telekom shares in Europe's larg-

Stolen jokes pack cruel punchline

A man who collected £10,000 in exchange for Bob Monkhouse's comedy sketches which were stolen last year discovered the best jokes often have a sting in the tail. As the 47year-old handed over the missing gags to Peter Pritchard, Mr Monkhouse's agent, he was arrested by police who were lying in wait at the West End offices in London



Water but no café customers as rainfall and strong winds leave floods a foot deep in St Mark's Square in Venice yesterday

Economy: The Government paid back £4.39 billion of debt in October, leaving the Chancellor on course to hit the year's £26.9 billion borrowing target Page 27

BUSINESS

Housing market: A shortage of homes for sale has led to some "panic buying" by people scared of missing a housing boom. a RICS SULVEY SAYS ... Toys: Tyco Toys is merging with

Mattel, the Barbie, Disney and

Fisher Price corporation, in a \$755 million share deal Page 27 Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 3.6 points to close at 3961.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 92.0 after a rise from \$1.6661 to \$1.6714 but a fall from DM2.5130 to

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Cup hope: Terry Venables, the former England football coach, is still considering whether to try to lead Australia into the 1998 World Cup Page 52

SPORT

Home game?: David Ginola will attempt to state his case for regaining a place in the French international side when he plays for Newcastle against Metz in the Uefa Page 47 Net gain: The Lawn Tennis Associ-

ation's income from Wimbledon rose this year to £29.1 million, giving the governing body a gross income of £45.1 million.....Page 50 New club: Ed Giddins, the bowler sacked by Sussex and suspended for 19 months after testing postive

for cocaine, has signed with

TOMORROW

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school league tables: full

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Oz buzz Australian films have never been better, and a fine dozen. can be seen at the London Film Festival: but will they get the distribution they deserve? Page 36 Plane speaking: Forbidden to fly,

the war artist Paul Nash still produced tortured pictures of the Second World War's airborne destruction, now on show at the Imperial War Museum.....Page 37 Classic snaps: The Victoria and Albert Museum is showing a magnificent selection of American photography 1890-1965; this is "art masquerading as accident", says John Russell Taylor Page 37

Charm offensive: On a cold Dublin night, Irish fans give Sting a warm reception as he opens his tour with an excellent band.

London scene: Hedonistic excess has gone. The caring Nineties has spawned the Portobello Princess. who lives where seediness mixes with stiff upper lips Page 15

Medical mystery: Psychosurgery is used to combat mental illness, but how does it work?_____

Tough on crime?: Reality shows that the controversial Crime Bill does the opposite _____ Page 41 Getting closer: Why the French are looking at our civil justice sys-

tem and European magistrates are

failing to fight sleaze Page 43

The right school: Day 2 - the battle to stay the best and awards that

tell their own story _____Page 40

Push-button future: The fight for

your phone line Pages 21-23

The FAO's "summit against hunger has expressed its firm opposition to using food embargoes as political pressure. The embargo against leaq exemplifies such action, one which has not only castigated the suffering Iraqi population, but seems also to have strengthened the regime of Saddam Hussein. El Pals, Madrid Mastermind

Preview. He was acquitted but still feels persecuted. The Trial of Kevin Monwell (BBCl, 10.25pm); Review: Lynne Truss on a magic moment along The Crow Road ____ Page 51

Arms to Rwanda

Ministers cannot be blamed for failure to detect arms shipments worth little more than £3 million .. but the Government risks justified contempt if it does not tighten up further

Zero tolerance

The more vigorously laws are enforced, the more likely the law is to be respected. The problem with zero tolerance" is it is not being introduced more widely Page 17

Major jam ahead

The Government has announced, with great fanfare, a £30 million scheme to end traffic jams on Britain's trunk roads. It is the kind of pre-election wizardry tailor-made to appeal to the voting motorist___

ANATOLE KALETSKY

To steal a march on the Germans. the French Government has announced that it will convert all its. public debt from francs into euros on January 1, 1999 Page 16 CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

Zaire's condition now appears to be terminal, and international efforts to preserve its integrity will only increase the agonies of its peoples. It should be allowed to assume such shapes as the energies and aspirations of its various peoples may assign to it....

PETER RIDDELL

A Blair Government could still enter a European singlé currency in the first wave. The chances are perhaps only about 30 to 40 per cent at most even if Labour has comfortable working majority. But that is more than the mi chances under the Tories _____Page 10

Reginald Bevins, former Postmaster-General; Kenneth Morton Evans, wartime intelligence; Lars Ake-Nilsson, Swedish Ambassador to London .

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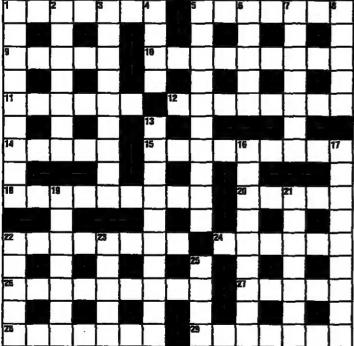
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26 Equipment in good shape to carry vessel to river (9).

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Winds becoming strong easterly. Cold. Max 4C (39F).

I Lake District, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Pirth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orinney, Shetland, N Ireland: early frost or fog clearing. Bright or surny periods. East coast showers, a few pushing inland. Wind light or moderate easterly. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

I Outlook: overcast wet weather in South clearing, then all parts bright and mainly dry. Cold.

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